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of the

*Grand Encampment of
Knights Templar*

of the United States of America

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FOR TEMPLAR TRIALS, CONSTITUTING OF NEW
COMMANDERIES, INSTALLATION OF
OFFICERS, ETC.

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To the Grand Encampment

At the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment held in 1907 the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence was charged with the duty of revising the Constitution and Statutes, and was directed to present its report thereon at the 31st Triennial Conclave. In accordance with this action of the Grand Encampment the Committee submitted its report at Chicago, August 9th, 10th and 11th, 1910. The report was read and with some amendments adopted section by section and finally as a whole, together with the Disciplinary Rules; Forms for constituting new Commanderies, Installation of Officers, Form of Petition for the orders, etc.

The whole report of the Committee as amended was adopted.

By resolution the members of the Committee which prepared and presented the report were instructed to arrange and prepare for publication, the newly adopted Constitution, Statutes, Rules, Forms, etc., and in connection with the Committee on Printing, have the same printed and distributed. In accordance with these instructions, we publish the following as the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, together with the Rules, Forms, etc., named above and the Burial Service adopted in 1904.

We call particular attention to the fact that the following are the only laws of the Grand Encampment now governing in Templar Masonry. All constitutional provisions not included in this Constitution, and all laws heretofore enacted, adopted or approved have been repealed.

Courteously,

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CONSTITUTION

of the

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

of the

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

PREAMBLE.

In order to secure greater unity, better government, and to increase the prosperity and influence of the Orders of Christian Masonic Knighthood, this Constitution is ordained and established.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

SECTION 1. This body shall be known and designated as the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

ARTICLE II.

OF WHOM COMPOSED.

SEC. 2. It shall consist of the following members:

- (A) The Grand Master,
The Deputy Grand Master,
The Grand Generalissimo,
The Grand Captain General,
The Grand Senior Warden,
The Grand Junior Warden,
The Grand Prelate,
The Grand Treasurer,
The Grand Recorder,
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The Grand Standard Bearer,
The Grand Sword Bearer,
The Grand Warder,
The Grand Captain of the Guard;
the first nine of whom, excepting the Grand
Prelate, shall be elected by ballot. The last
four, together with the Grand Prelate, shall be
appointed by the Grand Master.

- (B) All Past Grand Masters,
All Past Deputy Grand Masters,
All Past Grand Generalissimos,
All Past Grand Captains-General, of the Grand
Encampment,
- (C) All Past Grand Commanders, of Grand Com-
manderies.
- (D) All Grand Commanders,
All Deputy Grand Commanders,
All Grand Generalissimos, and
All Grand Captains-General, of each of the
Grand Commanderies.
- (E) And the first three officers of each Commandery,
holding its Charter immediately from the
Grand Encampment of the United States, shall
be members, for the time being.
- (F) Any distinguished Knight Templar, from a for-
eign country, may, by a vote of two-thirds of
the members present, be elected an Honorary
member.

ARTICLE III.

JURISDICTION.

SEC. 3. It has supreme legislative, judicial and executive power and jurisdiction over the Orders of the Red Cross, Knights Templar and Knights of Malta, in the United States of America and the countries over which the United States exercises jurisdiction, and may estab-

lish Commanderies in any country in which there is no supreme governing body of the said Orders, exercising jurisdiction.

SEC. 4. All questions shall be determined by a majority of votes unless otherwise provided. In case the vote is equally divided, the presiding officer shall give the casting vote.

ARTICLE IV.

POWERS AND DUTIES.

SEC. 5. It may grant and revoke Warrants, Dispensations, and Charters for Commanderies, where there is no Grand Commandery.

SEC. 6. It shall have exclusive power to constitute new Commanderies within any State, District, or Territory, over which the United States exercises jurisdiction, wherein there is no Grand Commandery regularly formed under the authority of the Grand Encampment.

SEC. 7. It shall review and consider all the official reports of its officers, and the proceedings of the Grand Commanderies and Commanderies under its immediate jurisdiction, and settle all controversies that may arise between Grand Commanderies.

SEC. 8. It may adopt such Statutes, Laws and Rules not inconsistent with this Constitution, as shall be necessary for the good of the Order.

SEC. 9. It shall examine the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder and such other Officers, Committees or Trustees, as may have in charge or handle any funds or property of the Grand Encampment.

SEC. 10. It shall consider and do all matters and things appertaining to the good, well-being and perpetuation of the principles of Templar Masonry, not inconsistent with this Constitution.

ARTICLE V.

REVENUE AND FINANCES.

SEC. 11. The revenues of the Grand Encampment shall consist of the fees for dispensations and charters for Commanderies under its immediate jurisdiction, a fee for each Knight Templar created therein and an annual per capita upon each member thereof. And also of dues that may be prescribed to be paid by each Grand Commandery for the aggregate membership in its jurisdiction. And of interest and profits upon the deposit or investment of its funds.

SEC. 12. It shall supervise the condition of the finances, and adopt such measures in relation thereto, as may be necessary to increase, secure, and preserve the same, and also to insure the utmost fidelity and punctuality on the part of every accounting officer, in the safe-keeping and paying over of the funds and property of the Grand Encampment.

ARTICLE VI.

TENURE OF OFFICE.

SEC. 13. The officers of the Grand Encampment shall hold their respective offices until their successors shall be duly elected or appointed, and installed.

ARTICLE VII.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

THE GRAND MASTER.

SEC. 14. It is the prerogative and duty of the Grand Master generally to exercise, as occasion may require, all the rights appertaining to his high office, in accordance

with this Constitution and the usages of Templar Masonry; and, as a part thereof, he shall have a watchful supervision over all Commanderies, Grand and Subordinate, under its jurisdiction, and see that all the constitutional Enactments, Statutes and Edicts of the Grand Encampment, are duly and promptly observed; that the work, Rituals and discipline of Templar Masonry are uniform; that the insignia of rank is as prescribed by the Grand Encampment and the dress of the Commanderies under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment is uniform and as prescribed by the Grand Encampment.

SEC. 15. To fill all vacancies which may occur in any office other than Deputy Grand Master, Grand Generalissimo or Grand Captain General, which appointees shall serve during the pleasure of the Grand Master, or until their respective successors shall have been elected or appointed, and installed.

SEC. 16. To appoint all committees authorized by the Constitution or by the Grand Encampment, and remove them at pleasure.

SEC. 17. To visit and preside in any Commandery, Grand or Subordinate, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, and give such instructions and directions as the good of the Order may require, always adhering to the Constitution, Laws, Statutes and Rituals of the Grand Encampment.

SEC. 18. To cause to be executed, and securely to preserve and keep, the official bonds of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder.

SEC. 19. To grant Letters of Dispensation for the holding of a Commandery of "the Indispensable Number" in territory in which there exists no Grand Commandery.

SEC. 20. Upon the petition of at least nine Knights Templar in good standing, to grant Letters of Dispensation, during the recess of the Grand Encampment, for the formation of new Commanderies in Countries, States or

Territories, where there is no Grand Commandery, and this without the recommendation or consent of the nearest Commandery; but such Dispensation shall be in force no longer than the next Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment; and such dispensation shall be duly recorded in the office of the Grand Recorder.

SEC. 21. To grant Warrants, during the recess of the Grand Encampment, for the formation of Grand Commanderies in States, Districts or Territories where no Grand Commandery exists; and to recall any such Warrants and to suspend or remove any officer named therein.

SEC. 22. To commission any member of the Grand Encampment to constitute a Grand Commandery which has received a Warrant for its formation, or a Commandery which has received a Charter. He may also issue his proxy to any member of the Grand Encampment authorizing him to visit, inspect and preside over any Grand Commandery or any Commandery under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, and such proxy shall be received and obeyed as the representative of the Grand Master.

SEC. 23. He shall submit a copy of any decision rendered within sixty days thereafter to the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence, and make a full report of all his official acts to the Grand Encampment.

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.

SEC. 24. The Deputy Grand Master, in the event of the death, removal from the United States, or mental or physical incompetency of his superior, shall act as Grand Master. At all other times he shall perform such duties as may be assigned him by the Grand Encampment or the Grand Master.

THE GRAND GENERALISSIMO AND GRAND CAPTAIN-GENERAL.

SEC. 25. In the absence of their respective superiors, the Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain-General shall severally act as Grand Master, in order, according to rank. At all other times they shall perform such duties as may be assigned them by the Grand Master or by the Grand Encampment, or such as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations.

SEC. 26. The Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Generalissimo, and the Grand Captain-General, are severally authorized to visit and preside in any Commandery of Knights Templar throughout the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, and give such instructions and directions as the good of the Order may require, always adhering to the Constitution, Laws and Rituals of the Grand Encampment, and the orders of the Grand Master.

SEC. 27. In the event of the absence, death or disability of all of the first four officers of the Grand Encampment, the ranking Past Grand Master, according to seniority of service, shall assume the office and discharge the duties of Grand Master.

THE GRAND TREASURER.

SEC. 28. It shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer to take charge of all the funds and securities of the Grand Encampment, except the fund held and invested by the Trustees of the Permanent Fund, and unless otherwise directed by the Grand Encampment, invest, with the approval of the Grand Master, from time to time, all such moneys as may come into his hands, belonging to the Grand Encampment, over and above the sum of one thousand dollars, in such way as he may judge most to the interest of the Grand Encampment; but six thousand dollars thereof shall be subject to call on thirty days' notice, and the same shall be at his command on the

first day of the month preceding the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment.

SEC. 29. He shall pay all drafts drawn upon the Contingent Fund by the Grand Master.

SEC. 30. He shall pay out no money except as prescribed in Section 29, unless upon a warrant or order signed by the Grand Master, attested by the Grand Recorder, and in pursuance of an appropriation voted by the Grand Encampment.

SEC. 31. He shall render to the Grand Encampment at each Triennial Conclave, and oftener if required by the Grand Encampment, a true and correct account in detail of all his receipts and disbursements, from whom received and to whom paid, with vouchers for all amounts paid out by him, together with an inventory covering all funds and property of the Grand Encampment in his hands; and he shall submit his books and accounts for inspection by the Committee on Finance on the Thursday immediately preceding the Conclave, and at such other times as he may be directed by the Grand Master.

SEC. 32. He shall transmit a statement of his accounts to the Grand Master, by the first day of the month preceding the Triennial Conclave, and at such other times as he may be directed by the Grand Master, to the end that the Grand Master may make such suggestions or recommendations in relation thereto as he may deem necessary.

SEC. 33. He shall give Bond, with surety in such form and in such an amount as shall from time to time be required of him by the Grand Master, who shall judge and approve the sufficiency of such Bond and surety and keep and preserve the same, and if he shall fail or refuse to give such Bond, he shall forfeit his office, and the Grand Master shall appoint another Grand Treasurer.

THE GRAND RECORDER.

SEC. 34. It shall be the duty of the Grand Recorder to record the transactions of the Grand Encampment and to cause the same to be printed under the direction of the Committee on Printing, and to perform such other duties as shall be required of him by the Grand Encampment or Grand Master.

SEC. 35. He shall receive, duly file, and safely keep all papers and documents of the Grand Encampment.

SEC. 36. He shall prepare and attest all Charters, Dispensations and other instruments emanating from the Grand Encampment.

SEC. 37. He shall have charge of the seal of the Grand Encampment and shall, under such seal, attest all papers requiring the same.

SEC. 38. He shall issue notice of the Triennial Conclave two months before the time fixed for it, which shall contain notice of all proposed amendments to the Constitution, Statutes or Rituals, and he shall also issue notice of any Special Conclaves, which notice shall contain a statement of the business to be brought before said Conclave, and he shall issue summons, when directed to do so by the Grand Encampment or Grand Master.

SEC. 39. He shall collect and receive all the revenues, except income from investments, of the Grand Encampment, and pay over any funds in his hands to the Grand Treasurer, whenever they reach the sum of five hundred dollars.

SEC. 40. He shall give bond with surety in such form and in such amount as shall from time to time be required of him by the Grand Master, who shall judge and approve the sufficiency of such Bond and surety and keep and preserve the same, and if the Grand Recorder shall fail or refuse to execute such Bond, he shall forfeit his office, and the Grand Master shall appoint a Grand Recorder.

THE REMAINING OFFICERS.

SEC. 41. The duties of the remaining officers of the Grand Encampment are such as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations, or such as may be assigned to them by the Grand Master or by the Grand Encampment.

ARTICLE VIII.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND QUALIFICATION OF ELECTORS.

SEC. 42. The Grand Encampment shall provide for the election of its officers to serve for the ensuing three years.

SEC. 43. No Knight Templar shall be eligible to any office in the Grand Encampment, except that of Grand Prelate and Grand Captain of the Guard, unless he shall be at the time a member thereof.

SEC. 44. The first three officers of each Commandery under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, or as many of them as may be present, in person or by proxy, shall be entitled collectively to one vote in all of the proceedings of the Grand Encampment.

SEC. 45. The Grand Commander, the Deputy Grand Commander, the Grand Generalissimo and the Grand Captain-General of each Grand Commandery, the Commander, and the Generalissimo and the Captain-General of each Commandery under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, may be represented and vote by proxy: *Provided*, that such proxy be a member of the body to which his principal belongs: and *provided, further*; that such proxy does not, by virtue of his delegated authority, become a member of the Grand Encampment: *Provided, also*, That such proxy shall produce a properly authenticated certificate of his appointment.

ARTICLE IX.

TITLES.

SEC. 46. The honorary title of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment is Most Eminent, and the official title is Grand Master.

The honorary title of the Deputy Grand Master is Right Eminent, and the official title is Deputy Grand Master.

The honorary title of each of the remaining officers of the Grand Encampment, is Very Eminent.

ARTICLE X.

CONCLAVES.

SEC. 47. A Stated Conclave of the Grand Encampment shall be held triennially, at such time and place as may be ordered by the Grand Encampment.

SEC. 48. Special Conclaves may be called by the Grand Master, at his discretion. And it shall be his duty, upon the written request of nine Grand Commanders, to call a Special Conclave, but no business shall be transacted at a Special Conclave, except that specified in the request, or summons of the Grand Master.

ARTICLE XI.

PERMANENT FUND.

SEC. 49. The fund consisting of thirty thousand dollars, originally set aside as a Permanent Fund of the Grand Encampment, and such sums as have been or which may be hereafter added thereto, shall be held and invested by a Board of Trustees consisting of five members. The Grand Master and Grand Treasurer, ex-officio,

and three other members of the Grand Encampment, one to be elected at each Triennial Conclave, to serve for nine years.

SEC. 50. Every loan made by them shall be secured by real estate, worth at least double the amount of the loan, or by bonds of the United States, or bonds of any State of the United States of America. Or they may invest any part of said funds in such bonds or securities as are lawful investments for Savings Banks in the States of New York, Massachusetts or Connecticut.

SEC. 51. Neither the Board of Trustees, nor any member thereof, shall be paid any compensation or remuneration whatsoever, for services in the investment or management of said fund.

SEC. 52. The Board shall render to the Grand Encampment at each Triennial Conclave, and oftener if required by the Grand Encampment or Grand Master, a true and correct account in detail of all of its receipts and disbursements, together with a descriptive inventory covering all of its investments and funds, and shall submit its books for examination by the Committee on Finance.

SEC. 53. The Custodian or Treasurer of the Funds and investments shall give bond in such form and in such amount as may be required of him by the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE XII.

CONTINGENT FUNDS.

SEC. 54. A sufficient sum shall be appropriated at each Triennial Conclave for a contingent fund for the Grand Master and the Grand Recorder, to be used by them in the payment of the current expenses of their offices.

ARTICLE XIII.

APPEAL FROM CHAIR.

SEC. 55. This Grand Encampment, being a legislative body, acknowledging no superior, admits an appeal to be taken by any member from the decisions of the Chair, on the question under consideration therein: *Provided, however,* That such appeal shall not be sustained unless two-thirds of all the members present shall vote therefor.

This Section is adopted for this Grand Encampment alone, and is not to be construed as establishing a precedent for the guidance of any other Templar body.

ARTICLE XIV.

RULES OF ORDER AND COMMITTEES.

SEC. 56. Such Rules of Order may be made and Committees provided as may be necessary to conduct the business of the Grand Encampment.

ARTICLE XV.

GRAND COMMANDERIES—HOW FORMED.

SEC. 57. Whenever there shall be three or more Chartered Commanderies formed and holden under this Grand Encampment, in any State, District or Territory, in which there is no Grand Commandery, a Grand Commandery may be formed by virtue of the Warrant of the Grand Master, who shall report his action, and if the Grand Encampment shall approve of the formation of such Grand Commandery, a Charter shall be issued.

SEC. 58. The jurisdictional limits of a Grand Commandery are the State, District or Territory in which it exists, except that the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island is recognized as holding jurisdic-

tion over both of these States: *Provided*, That the Grand Commanderies of the Indian Territory and Oklahoma may continue their present separate existence, retaining their original jurisdiction, or may consolidate at their pleasure.

OF WHOM COMPOSED.

SEC. 59. A Grand Commandery consists of the following members:

- (A) The Grand Commander,
The Deputy Grand Commander,
The Grand Generalissimo,
The Grand Captain-General,
The Grand Senior Warden,
The Grand Junior Warden,
The Grand Prelate,
The Grand Treasurer,
The Grand Recorder,
The Grand Standard Bearer,
The Grand Sword Bearer,
The Grand Warder, and
The Grand Captain of the Guard;

the first nine of whom (excepting the Grand Prelate) shall be elected by ballot; the last four, together with the Grand Prelate, shall be elected or appointed by the Grand Commander, as each Grand Commandery shall determine.

- (B) All Past Grand Commanders,
All Past Deputy Grand Commanders,
All Past Grand Generalissimos, and
All Past Grand Captains-General, of the same Grand Commandery, so long as they remain members of Commanderies under the same territorial jurisdiction.

- (C) The Commander,
The Generalissimo, and
The Captain-General of each Commandery under
the same Grand Commandery.
- (D) All Past Commanders of the Commanderies
under the same Grand Commandery, and such
Past Commanders as may have demitted from
another jurisdiction and who shall have been
elected to membership by the Grand Com-
mandery in the jurisdiction where they reside,
so long as they remain members of Command-
eries under the same territorial jurisdiction.
- (E) Any distinguished Knight Templar of another
Grand Commandery under the jurisdiction of
the Grand Encampment, by a vote of two-
thirds of the members present, may be elected
an honorary member, which will not confer
the right to vote.

TITLES.

SEC. 60. The honorary title of a Grand Commander is Right Eminent and the official title is Grand Commander. The honorary title of the Deputy Grand Commander is Very Eminent and the official title is Deputy Grand Commander. The honorary title of the remaining officers of a Grand Commandery is Eminent.

CONCLAVES.

SEC. 61. Each Grand Commandery shall hold a Stated Conclave at least once in each year.

Special Conclaves may be called by the Grand Commander; and it shall be his duty, upon the request of a majority of the Commanderies, to him directed in writing, to call a Special Conclave.

No business shall be transacted at a Special Conclave except that specified in the original notice or summons.

POWERS AND DUTIES.

SEC. 62. Each Grand Commandery, at its Annual Conclave, shall review and consider all the official reports of its officers, and the proceedings of its subordinates, for the preceding year.

SEC. 63. It shall have power to adopt a Constitution and such laws and regulations, not inconsistent with the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Encampment as may be necessary for the good of the Order.

SEC. 64. It shall have exclusive power to form new Commanderies within its jurisdiction and that without the recommendation or consent of any Commandery, and to fix the fee therefor: *Provided*, That it shall not be less than one hundred dollars, to be paid in advance, and it shall have power to ordain and prescribe regulations for their government, and it may revoke any existing Charter or Dispensation.

SEC. 65. It shall possess authority to require from the several Commanderies within its jurisdiction, such proportion of the sums received by them for conferring the Orders, and also such sums in the form of annual dues from the respective members, as may be necessary for the support of the Grand Commandery.

SEC. 66. It shall examine the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, and supervise the state and condition of the finances, and adopt such measures in relation thereto, as may be necessary to increase, secure and preserve the same, and also to insure the utmost punctuality on the part of every accounting officer in the safe-keeping and paying over of the funds and property of the Grand Commandery.

SEC. 67. It shall have power to assign the limits of jurisdiction of Commanderies within its own jurisdiction, and settle all controversies that may arise between them.

SEC. 68. It shall consider and do all matters and things

appertaining to the good, well-being and perpetuation of Templar Masonry, but always subordinate to the Grand Encampment of the United States.

SEC. 69. The Grand Commanderies, in such manner as they may respectively determine, shall annually collect and pay to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, such an amount as may be determined by the Grand Encampment, for each Knight Templar returned as a member of their respective Commanderies at the Conclave of the Grand Commandery, preceding July the first of each year, which fund, with the returns of the Grand Commandery, shall be forwarded to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment on or before the first day of July in each year.

THE GRAND COMMANDER.

SEC. 70. The Grand Commander shall have a watchful supervision over all the Commanderies under his jurisdiction, and see that the Constitution, Laws and Rituals of the Grand Encampment, and the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of his own Grand Commandery, are duly and promptly observed.

And he shall appoint all committees and all officers not made elective, and shall fill all vacancies which may occur in any of the elective offices, except Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain-General, to serve during the pleasure of the Grand Commander, or until their successors shall have been elected and installed.

SEC. 71. He shall have the power and authority, during the recess of the Grand Commandery, to grant Letters of Dispensation, to nine or more petitioners residing within its jurisdiction, and possessing the constitutional qualifications, empowering them to form and open a Commandery.

And such Dispensation shall be in force no longer than the next Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery.

SEC. 72. He shall issue no Letters of Dispensation for the formation of a new Commandery save upon the recommendation of the Commandery in the same territorial jurisdiction, nearest the location of the new Commandery prayed for.

SEC. 73. If the new Commandery is to be stationed in a city where there is more than one Commandery, two of those located in such city must recommend the petition.

SEC. 74. During the recess of the Grand Commandery he may suspend from the functions of his office any officer of the Grand Commandery or of a Commandery, or arrest the Charter or Dispensation of a Commandery; but in neither case shall such suspension affect the standing in the Order of such officer, or of his membership in the Commandery. He shall report his action in full to the next Conclave of the Grand Commandery for its final action.

SEC. 75. He may visit and preside in any Commandery within the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery, and give such instructions and directions as the good of the Order may require, always adhering to the Constitution, Laws and Rituals of the Grand Encampment, and the Constitution, Statutes and Regulations of his Grand Commandery.

THE DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER.

SEC. 76. The Deputy Grand Commander, in the event of the death, removal, absence from the jurisdiction, or the mental or physical incompetency of his superior, shall act as Grand Commander. At all other times he shall perform such duties as may be assigned him by the Grand Commander or the Grand Commandery.

THE GRAND GENERALISSIMO AND GRAND CAPTAIN-GENERAL.

SEC. 77. In case of the absence, death, removal or

disability of their respective superiors, the Grand Generalissimo and Grand Captain-General, shall severally act as Grand Commander, in order, according to rank. At all other times they shall perform such duties as may be assigned them by the Grand Commander or the Grand Commandery, or such as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations.

THE GRAND TREASURER.

SEC. 78. The Grand Treasurer shall perform such duties as shall be prescribed by the Laws of the Grand Commandery.

THE GRAND RECORDER.

SEC. 79. The Grand Recorder shall perform such duties as shall be prescribed by the Laws of the Grand Commandery.

SEC. 80. He shall annually communicate to the Grand Master, the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, and to the Grand Recorders of each of the other Grand Commanderies, the roll of officers of the Grand Commandery and such other matters as may give information as to the condition of the Order in the jurisdiction, or may conduce to the general good of the Order.

SEC. 81. He shall forward to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, on or before the first day of July of each year, the Annual Returns and Dues of the Grand Commandery.

SEC. 82. He shall annually transmit to the Grand Master and Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, copies of all the printed Proceedings and of the Laws adopted by the Grand Commandery.

SEC. 83. He shall have charge of the Seal of the Grand Commandery, and shall, under such seal, attest all papers requiring the same.

THE REMAINING OFFICERS.

SEC. 84. The duties of the remaining officers, as well as those above specified, shall be such as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations, or assigned to them by the Grand Commander or the Grand Commandery, and conforming as near as may be to those of the corresponding officers of the Grand Encampment.

SEC. 85. In the event of the absence, death or disability of the first four officers of the Grand Commandery, the ranking Past Grand Commander, according to seniority of service, shall assume the office and discharge the duties of Grand Commander.

TENURE OF OFFICE.

SEC. 86. The several Grand Officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors shall be duly elected, or appointed and installed, subject to the provisions of Section 120.

ELIGIBILITY TO OFFICE.

SEC. 87. No Knight Templar shall be eligible to any office in a Grand Commandery, except Grand Prelate and Grand Captain of the Guard, unless he shall be at the time a present or Past Commander.

MAJORITY TO GOVERN.

SEC. 88. At every Conclave of a Templar Body, unless otherwise expressly provided by the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Encampment, all questions shall be determined by a majority of votes. In case the votes are equally divided the presiding officer shall give the casting vote.

REPRESENTATION BY PROXY.

SEC. 89. Each Grand Commandery shall determine whether or not proxy representation shall be permitted, and if it shall be allowed, the Grand Commandery shall prescribe the rules governing the same.

APPEAL.

SEC. 90. No appeal shall lie to the Grand Commandery from any decision of a Grand Commander, except during a Conclave or on questions arising as to the construction or effect of the Constitution, Laws or Rituals of the Grand Encampment, or of the Laws of the Grand Commandery.

SEC. 91. An appeal may be taken to the Grand Encampment from any decision or action of a Grand Commander, or of a Grand Commandery, on questions arising as to the construction or effect of the Constitution, Laws or Rituals of the Grand Encampment.

CONSOLIDATION OF GRAND COMMANDERIES.

SEC. 92. (A) When any state, district or territory in which a Grand Commandery has been chartered, is consolidated with another state, district or territory, which also has a Grand Commandery, the two Grand Commanderies may consolidate under the name and title of the state, district or territory so consolidated.

(B) The officers of the consolidated Grand Commandery, unless otherwise agreed upon by the consolidated Grand Commandery, shall be the Sir Knights holding office in the older of the two Grand Commanderies so consolidated. The Commanderies shall be numbered and shall rank according to the date of their Charters.

(C) The Past Officers in either of the two Grand Commanderies of which the consolidation is formed, shall

be entitled to the rank in the consolidated body which they held at the time of the consolidation.

(D) All of the property and assets of every kind belonging to the two bodies shall become the property and vest in the new Grand Commandery, so formed.

ARTICLE XVI.

COMMANDERIES, HOW FORMED.

SEC. 93. Each Commandery, before it can be formed, if located in a country, state, district or territory where there is no Grand Commandery, must have a dispensation from the Grand Encampment or Grand Master, or a Charter from the Grand Encampment; if located in a country, state, district or territory where there is a Grand Commandery it must have a dispensation from the Grand Commandery or Grand Commander, or a Charter from the Grand Commandery, and no Commandery can be opened or formed without such dispensation or Charter. And all Templar communication is interdicted between any Commandery under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, or any member thereof, and any Commandery or member thereof, in any country, state, district, or territory, without such Dispensation or Charter.

SEC. 94. A Commandery consists of the following officers:

- The Commander,
- The Generalissimo,
- The Captain-General,
- The Senior Warden,
- The Junior Warden,
- The Prelate,
- The Treasurer,
- The Recorder,
- The Standard Bearer,

The Sword Bearer,
The Warder,
The Sentinel and Guards,
And of such Knights Templar as may be members thereof.

The Commander, Generalissimo, Captain-General, Treasurer and Recorder shall be elected by ballot, and the remaining officers shall be elected or appointed by the Commander, as may be provided by the laws of the Grand Commandery.

TITLE.

SEC. 95. The honorary title of the Commander of a Commandery is Eminent and the official title is Commander.

CONCLAVES.

SEC. 96. The Stated Conclaves of a Commandery shall be held at least quarterly, at such time and place as may be specified in the Charter, or designated in the By-Laws of the Commandery.

SEC. 97. Special Conclaves may be called by the Commander, but no business shall be transacted other than the conferring of the Orders, except that specified in the notice or summons.

ALLEGIANCE.

SEC. 98. Upon the formation of a Grand Commandery, all Commanderies within the territorial jurisdiction must enroll themselves under such Grand Commandery, have their Charters endorsed or their Dispensations extended, and shall respect and obey the laws and regulations of such Grand Commandery.

APPEAL.

SEC. 99. No appeal shall lie to the Commandery from the decision of the Commander. Upon questions arising as to the construction or effect of the Constitution, Rituals, or Laws of the Grand Encampment, or of the Laws of the Grand Commandery; an appeal may be taken to the Grand Commandery; or to the Grand Encampment when the Commandery is under its immediate jurisdiction.

TENURE OF OFFICE.

SEC. 100. The several officers shall hold and discharge the duties of their respective offices until their successors are duly installed, subject to the provisions of Section 120.

THE COMMANDER.

SEC. 101. The Commander has it in special charge to see that the By-Laws and Regulations of the Commandery are duly observed, as well as the Constitution, Laws, Rituals and Rules of the Grand Encampment and the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery. That accurate records are kept and just accounts rendered and that regular returns are made to the Grand Encampment or Grand Commandery, annually, and that the dues are promptly paid.

SEC. 102. It is his duty, together with the Generalissimo and Captain-General, to attend all Conclaves of the Grand Encampment when under its immediate jurisdiction, or of the Grand Commandery where there is one having jurisdiction.

SEC. 103. In case of the absence, death, removal, or the mental or physical incompetency of the Commander, the Generalissimo or Captain-General shall severally act as Commander, according to rank. In case of the disabil-

ity, from any cause of the Generalissimo, the Captain-General shall succeed to the duties of the vacant post, at all other times they shall perform such duties as may be assigned them by the Commander or Commandery, or such as are traditionally appropriate to their respective stations.

THE TREASURER.

SEC. 104. The Treasurer shall perform such duties as are prescribed by the Constitution, Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Encampment, the laws of the Grand Commandery, and the By-Laws of the Commandery.

THE RECORDER.

SEC. 105. The Recorder shall issue notice of Stated and Special Conclaves; and in the notices for Special Conclaves he shall, under the direction of the Commander, state the particular business to be transacted.

He shall also issue Summons when directed by the Commander or Commandery.

He shall keep correct minutes of all the transactions of the Commandery.

He shall collect and receive all dues or assessments and revenues of the Commandery, and shall promptly pay the same over to the Treasurer.

He shall have charge of the Seal of the Commandery, and shall affix it to all papers requiring the same.

He shall report, annually, to the Grand Recorder the roll of officers and members, and such other matters as may conduce to the general good of the Order, in such form as may be prescribed by the Grand Commandery, and he shall accompany said report with the amount of dues and fees due to the Grand Commandery. He shall promptly transmit to the Grand Commander and Grand

Recorder copies of all the By-Laws and Regulations adopted by the Commandery.

He shall submit his books to examination whenever required to do so by the Commandery or by the Grand Commandery.

SEC. 106. When the Commandery is under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, he shall make the reports and returns provided for, to the Grand Master, and to the Grand Recorder.

SEC. 107. Recorders of Commanderies under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment shall report annually to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, on or before the first day of July, the roll of its officers and members, and all the changes as provided for in the blanks to be furnished by the Grand Recorder; and accompany the same with the amount of fees and dues.

TREASURER AND RECORDER TO GIVE BONDS.

SEC. 108. The Treasurer and Recorder of a Commandery under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment shall severally give bond, with surety, in such form and amount as shall, from time to time, be determined by the Commandery, and the Commander shall judge and approve of the sufficiency of such bond and surety, and shall keep and preserve the same.

SUCCESSION IN OFFICE.

SEC. 109. In the event of the absence, death or disability of the first three officers of a Commandery, the ranking Past Commander present shall assume the office and discharge the duties of Commander.

SPECIAL ELECTION.

SEC. 110. If a vacancy shall occur in any of the offices, except when there is a right of succession, the Grand

Master or Grand Commander, respectively, may authorize a special election to fill such vacancy upon written request to that effect by the Commandery.

PETITIONS ONLY AT STATED CONCLAVES.

SEC. 111. Petitions for the Orders or for membership can neither be received nor acted upon, except at Stated Conclaves, and no petition can be balloted on in less than two weeks from its presentation.

SOJOURNERS.

SEC. 112. No Commandery shall confer the Orders of Knighthood, or either of them, upon any sojourner, whose place of residence is within any Country, State, District or Territory in which there is a Commandery, unless consent of the Commandery having territorial jurisdiction, and of the Grand Commander, where there is one, is first obtained: *provided, however*, that it shall be lawful for any Commandery to receive the petition and confer the Orders upon any person connected with Army or Navy of the United States, who shall have been stationed within its jurisdiction for at least six months prior to the presentation of his petition; and in the event of a violation of this section the Commandery so offending shall be subject to discipline, and be required to pay over to the Commandery having jurisdiction the amount of fees received for such admission.

ELIGIBILITY TO ORDERS.

SEC. 113. The Orders of Knighthood shall not be conferred upon any one who has not received the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, Master Mason, Mark Master Mason, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason; nor upon any one who is not an affiliated Master Mason and Royal Arch Mason.

QUALIFICATIONS NOT TO BE CHANGED.

SEC. 114. No Grand Commandery or Commandery has the right to add to, take from, or change the qualifications of candidates for the Orders of Knighthood and membership in a Commandery as prescribed by the Constitution of the Grand Encampment.

ORDER OF SUCCESSION.

SEC. 115. The rule of succession in conferring the Orders shall be as follows: 1, The Order of the Red Cross, 2, Knight Templar, and 3, Knight of Malta, which last Order may be conferred or communicated.

VOW OF OFFICE.

SEC. 116. The officers of every Commandery, before entering upon the exercise of the duties of their respective offices, shall take the following vow, viz: "I, (A. B.) do promise and vow that I will support and maintain the Constitution, Laws and Rituals of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of this jurisdiction, and the By-Laws of this Commandery, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office to which I have been chosen, to the best of my ability."

The vow of officers of the Grand Encampment shall be the same, with the omission of the clause relating to Grand Commanderies and Commanderies. The officers of a Grand Commandery shall omit from this vow the words "and the By-Laws of this Commandery."

ASSESSMENTS.

SEC. 117. A Commandery has the right to levy and

collect such annual dues and pro rata assessments as may be needed to pay its expenses.

SEC. 118. In the absence of any special law, a majority vote may determine the propriety of an assessment and, the amount thereof: *Provided*, That a member of a Commandery may appeal to the Grand Commandery if he feels aggrieved by such assessment, and claims that it is in violation of Templar Law.

FEE FOR ORDERS.

SEC. 119. No Commandery shall confer the Orders of Knighthood for a less sum than thirty dollars and the fee for the Orders cannot be remitted directly or indirectly.

WHEN OFFICE VACATED.

SEC. 120. When any one of the first four officers of a Grand Commandery or the first three officers of a Commandery, shall be elected and installed as Grand Master, his rights and powers as such officer of the Grand Commandery or Commandery, *ipso facto*, cease, and the duties of the office shall devolve upon the officer next in rank. The same rule shall apply when any one of the first three officers of a Commandery shall be elected and installed as Grand Commander.

AMENDMENTS.

SEC. 121. The Grand Encampment, upon the concurrence of three-fourths of its members present at any Stated Conclave, may revise, amend, and alter this Constitution or the Rituals adopted by the Grand Encampment and by a two-thirds vote of the members present, may repeal, alter, or amend the Statutes, or change the uniform: *Provided, however*, That any member intending to submit a motion relative to a change of the Constitution, Statutes, or Rituals shall give notice thereof, in writ-

ing, to the Grand Recorder at least four months before the day on which the Triennial Conclave shall be held, at which such subject is to be discussed, and notice thereof shall be inserted in the notice of the Conclave; otherwise no such motion shall be entertained: *Provided, also*, That if the Grand Recorder fail to give such notice, the proposed amendment may be called up by consent of three-fourths of the members present, and acted upon as if said notice had been given: *Provided, further*, That any amendment proposed at a Triennial Conclave may be acted upon at the next Conclave, whether inserted in the notice of the Grand Recorder or not, and the same may be considered in the absence of the proposer: *Provided, further*, That the proposed amendment may be modified in any manner by the Grand Encampment, while the same is under consideration; no modification, however, shall be made not germane to the matter contained in the proposed amendment.

ARTICLE XVII.

REPEALING CLAUSE.

SEC. 122. All Constitutional provisions not included in this Constitution are hereby repealed.

STATUTES
of the
GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
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ADJOURN.

SEC. 123. The Grand Encampment and Grand Commanderies "adjourn."

BY-LAWS.

SEC. 124. A Grand Commandery may, if it so desires, enact a uniform code of by-laws not in conflict with the Laws of the Grand Encampment, for the government of its Commanderies, and in the absence of such a code, the following rules shall govern:

SEC. 125. By-Laws must be approved by the Grand Encampment or by the Grand Commandery respectively: *Provided*, however, that the Grand Master or Grand Commander may approve by-laws or amendments thereto, adopted during the recess, subject to review at the next succeeding conclave of their respective Grand Bodies.

SEC. 126. When the By-Laws of a Commandery prescribe the mode by which alteration and amendments thereof may be made, these rules must be observed.

BURIAL.

SEC. 127. Funeral services of a Knight Templar shall be conducted by a Commandery, only when he is in good

standing in his Commandery, and no others shall receive Templar funeral honors, and the burial service adopted by the Grand Encampment shall in all cases be complied with.

CANDIDATE.

ANOTHER COMMANDERY.

SEC. 128. A Commandery may confer the orders upon a candidate elected to receive them by another Commandery, at the request of such other Commandery.

BALLOT.

SEC. 129. Every member present when a ballot on a petition is taken is required to vote, unless excused by the Commander or Commandery before the balloting has commenced.

SEC. 130. The ballot upon a petition for the Orders or for membership must be unanimous and secret. The reason for casting a blackball cannot be disclosed or inquired into.

SEC. 131. A Commander may order one re-ballot before the result of the ballot has been announced, and before any member of the Commandery has left the Asylum.

SEC. 132. No ballot can be had upon a petition until after it has been referred to a committee of three members of the Commandery, and that committee has reported.

SEC. 133. An unfavorable report does not dispense with the necessity of a ballot.

FEE.

SEC. 134. Each Grand Commandery may fix the minimum fee for the Orders, but in no case shall it be less than thirty dollars, which shall be paid before the Red Cross is conferred.

HEALING.

SEC. 135. Healing consists in re-obligating the Knight Templar and correcting what has been done amiss at his creation.

SEC. 136. The Grand Encampment, or the Grand Commandery in whose jurisdiction a Knight Templar was irregularly created, has power to heal him, or may authorize the Grand Master or Grand Commander to do so, and this power may be delegated to a Commandery or Commander.

SEC. 137. One knighted in a clandestine manner or in a spurious Commandery cannot be healed.

JURISDICTION.

SEC. 138. A Petitioner residing in any territory in which there is no Commandery may apply to any Commandery for the Orders; but when there is a Commandery holding lawful jurisdiction, in such territory, he can apply elsewhere only by its permission.

NOT PROCEEDING AFTER ELECTION.

SEC. 139. Unless a candidate elected to receive the Orders, shall present himself within twelve months after receiving notice of his election, it shall be void.

OBJECTION.

SEC. 140. A member of a Commandery in good standing, whether present when the ballot was taken or not, may object to the conferring of the Order of the Red Cross upon an elected candidate, and cannot be required to disclose his reason therefor. When such objection is made, either in open Commandery or to the Commander, the Order of the Red Cross cannot be conferred; and the fact of objection alone, and not the name of the objector,

shall be entered on the minutes, and shall be equivalent to a rejection by ballot.

SEC. 141. An objection after ballot may be withdrawn before it has been entered on the minutes.

SEC. 142. Any Companion of the Order of the Red Cross or Knight Templar is entitled to receive the remaining Orders, unless found unworthy after trial on charges duly preferred. And no member of a Commandery, whether present when the ballot was taken or not, shall prevent or delay the conferring of the remaining Order or Orders by a mere objection.

SEC. 143. Any Sir Knight, in order to prevent or delay the conferring of the remaining Order or Orders on any elected candidate who shall have been constituted a Companion of the Order of the Red Cross or Knight Templar, shall be required to prefer written charges against him, which shall be filed with the Recorder of the Commandery. The said candidate shall be entitled to receive a copy of the charges so presented, and to be heard in person and by counsel, the counsel being a Knight Templar.

SEC. 144. When charges shall be presented, the remaining Orders cannot be conferred, unless the same be withdrawn or the candidate acquitted in the manner herein prescribed; and, when presented, the fact only that charges have been made shall be entered on the minutes, and not the name of the objector nor the nature of the charges. In case no objection shall be made, nor any charges presented, the Commander, may, in his discretion, delay the conferring of either of the Orders for one Conclave only.

SEC. 145. Objections or charges against a candidate who may have received one or more of the Orders, may be received from a visiting Knight Templar, but shall not be considered by the Commandery, except by a majority vote to that effect, or where, in consequence thereof, objection shall be made or charges presented in writing by a member of the Commandery, and in the manner herein provided.

SEC. 146. Charges against a Companion of the Order of the Red Cross or Knight Templar may be withdrawn, by consent of the Commandery, before the commencement of the hearing thereon.

PETITION.

SEC. 147. The report on a petition must be in writing; and only the fact of the report being made, and not its character, whether favorable or unfavorable, shall be entered on the minutes.

SEC. 148. Every petition for the Orders of Knighthood shall declare the Lodge and Chapter in which the petitioner received the degrees, and also the Lodge and Chapter in which he is then affiliated, and shall give his full name, date of birth, residence and occupation and shall state whether he has or has not been previously rejected by any Commandery. The petitioner shall declare that he is a firm believer in the Christian Religion, that he has read the petition and that he has personally signed the same.

SEC. 149. No petition can be received which is signed by more than one applicant.

SEC. 150. Each petition must be signed by two members of the Commandery, who shall vouch for the good character and Masonic standing of the applicant, and recommend his admission.

SEC. 151. A petition may be withdrawn, when there has been a favorable report by the Committee on Inquiry, and also when it shall appear that the Commandery has not jurisdiction over the petitioner.

QUALIFICATIONS.

SEC. 152. A Knight Templar created in a foreign jurisdiction must have all the Chapter degrees conferred or communicated, as provided by the General Grand Chapter

of the United States and the Order of the Red Cross conferred or communicated, before he can be admitted to the Asylum.

SEC. 153. A petitioner must be physically able to conform to the ceremonies of the Order.

REJECTION.

SEC. 154. The petition of one who has been rejected cannot be renewed until the expiration of at least six months after such rejection, if still residing in the jurisdiction of the Commandery petitioned. If the petitioner applies to any other Commandery, his petition cannot be acted on at any time within three years after his rejection, without the consent by unanimous ballot, of the Commandery by which he was rejected.

COMMANDERY.

ALLEGIANCE.

SEC. 155. A Commandery is under the exclusive authority of the Grand Commandery having jurisdiction over the State, Territory, or District in which it is located.

APPEARANCE IN PUBLIC.

SEC. 156. Commanderies shall not appear in public without a dispensation, except upon funeral occasions, or to attend Religious Services.

SEC. 157. The determination of what is a proper occasion for a Commandery to appear in public, belongs to the Grand Master or the Grand Commander.

SEC. 158. When a Commandery appears in public it must be in Templar Uniform.

ASYLUM.

SEC. 159. A Commandery may remove its Asylum from one house to another in the same place, by a vote of a ma-

jority of its members present at a Stated Conclave, and after due notice of the proposed change.

CHARTER.

SEC. 160. The Dispensations or Charter of a Commandery must always be present at the opening and throughout a Conclave.

SEC. 161. The Commander is the legal custodian of the Charter of his Commandery.

SEC. 162. A Commandery cannot be constituted without a Charter.

SEC. 163. No Commandery can surrender its Charter so long as there are nine members of the Commandery who desire and are able to work under said Charter.

SEC. 164. When the Charter of a Commandery shall have been surrendered, or arrested, the members thereof in good standing shall, upon payment of their dues to the Grand Commandery, be entitled to a certificate of good standing from the Grand Recorder, which shall have the effect of a demit.

SEC. 165. A Charter, surrendered or arrested, cannot be used to form a new Commandery, but may be restored to not less than nine of the former members in good standing, who are unaffiliated, by the Grand Encampment or Grand Commandery. And in this case it is not proper to constitute the Commandery again.

SEC. 166. The forfeiture or surrender of a Charter of a Commandery does not, of itself, affect the good standing of the members.

SEC. 167. If the Charter of a Commandery should be lost, mutilated or destroyed the Grand Master or Grand Commander, respectively, upon satisfactory proof, shall direct the Grand Recorder to issue an attested copy thereof under seal.

CLOSE.

SEC. 168. Commanderies "close"; they do not "call off" or "adjourn", but they may close to meet on another day to finish business that is pending.

COMMITTEES.

SEC. 169. A Commandery may provide for the appointment of such committees as may be necessary for the transaction of its business or for the good of the Order and prescribe their duties.

CONCLAVE.

SEC. 170. A Commandery can hold its Conclaves only in the place designated in its Dispensation or Charter.

SEC. 171. The stated Conclaves of a Commandery must be held at the time fixed in its by-laws.

DEMIT.

SEC. 172. A member of a Commandery is entitled to a demit, without a vote of the Commandery, upon request in writing, signed by the member desiring it, presented in open Commandery: *Provided*, all indebtedness to the Commandery shall have been paid and no charges are pending against him. And this severs his membership, whether a certificate issues or not.

DUES.

SEC. 173. A Commandery may enact a by-law fixing annual dues, and providing that members in arrears for two years shall be ineligible to office and not entitled to vote, but a member can be disfranchised only after due trial.

SEC. 174. Suspension for non-payment of dues can be inflicted by the Commandery only after due notice to the delinquent to appear at the time it is proposed to act up-

on his case, and an opportunity given him to be heard in his defense.

SEC. 175. When members of a Commandery are summoned to show cause why they should not be suspended for non-payment of dues and do not appear, the Commander cannot declare them suspended until the Commandery has so voted.

SEC. 176. Grand Commanderies may by Statute fix the time for the payment of annual dues, prescribe the penalty for non-payment, and fix the terms for restoration, but a member shall not be deprived of any of his rights and privileges without due notice and an opportunity to be heard in his defense.

COMMANDERY ENTERING ANOTHER JURISDICTION.

SEC. 177. When a Commandery enters the jurisdiction of a Grand Commandery, other than its own, it is under the immediate authority of its own Grand Commander.

COMMANDERY FAILING TO MEET.

SEC. 178. A Commandery failing to meet for twelve consecutive months forfeits all of its rights as a Commandery and its Charter may be arrested.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 179. A Commandery may elect as an honorary member a member of another Commandery, but this honorary membership does not confer the right to vote, nor any rank or standing therein; nor does it create any liability for dues. It is merely complimentary.

INSTALLATION.

SEC. 180. The officers of a Commandery may be installed by any permanent member of the Grand Encamp-

ment, by either of the first four officers of the Grand Commandery, by the Commander, or by a Past Commander of any Commandery. The ceremony used shall be that prescribed by the Grand Encampment.

SEC. 181. Before the installing officer shall administer the vow of office in a Commandery, he shall see that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Encampment, the Constitution, Statutes and regulations of the Grand Commandery, if under the jurisdiction of a Grand Commandery, the Rituals of the Red Cross, Knight Templar and the Order of Malta are in possession of the incoming Commander or properly accounted for.

SEC. 182. A Commandery may hold a public installation in its own Asylum, but not elsewhere without a Dispensation from the Grand Master or the Grand Commander.

JURISDICTION.

SEC. 183. In the absence of a Statute of the proper Grand Commandery, or of a Special Edict of the Grand Encampment, defining the limits of each Commandery, the jurisdiction thereof, whether chartered or under dispensation, over petitioners for the Orders, extends in all directions to one-half of the distance, by direct line, between itself and the next nearest Commandery: *Provided*, That in no case can it extend beyond the limits of the State, Territory or District in which it is located, unless the Grand Commandery, having jurisdiction, shall waive it in so far as relates to territory nearer to a Commandery in another jurisdiction, than to any one in its own jurisdiction.

SEC. 184. It is not lawful for a Commandery to confer the Orders upon any one residing within the jurisdiction of another Commandery without first obtaining the permission of such Commandery.

SEC. 185. When a petition for the Orders is received from a sojourner or from one who has not resided for six

months within the jurisdiction of the Commandery, except as prescribed in the Constitution for persons in the Army or Navy, it is the duty of the Commandery receiving it to notify the Commandery within whose jurisdiction the petitioner resided, and obtain its consent that jurisdiction shall be exercised over the petition and the petitioner. It shall be competent, in such cases, for a Commandery to waive its jurisdiction over such petitioner.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 186. A Commandery may adopt a by-law providing that members who are and shall remain in affiliation in Lodge and Chapter, upon the payment of a fixed sum of money, in cash, may become life members, and thereafter be exempt from the payment of annual dues.

MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 187. A Knight Templar cannot be an active member of two Commanderies at the same time.

SEC. 188. Affiliation in Lodge and Chapter is necessary to qualify a petitioner for membership.

SEC. 189. Affiliation in Lodge and Chapter is essential to membership in a Commandery to the extent that voluntary non-affiliation in Lodge or Chapter, for six months, shall deprive a Knight Templar of his membership in the Commandery.

SEC. 190. A Knight Templar may be admitted to membership in any Commandery regardless of his residence.

SEC. 191. Until the three Orders of Knighthood have been conferred upon an applicant, he is not possessed of the necessary qualifications for membership, and is not therefore subject to the payment of dues. But he is subject to discipline by the Commandery for Masonic offenses.

SEC. 192. A member of a Commandery has a right to know all the transactions at the Conclaves of his Commandery.

SEC. 193. Those to whom a Charter is issued and those who receive the Orders in a Commandery, are *ipso facto* members thereof, whether such Commandery be chartered or under dispensation, except where the Orders have been conferred for and by request of another Commandery.

MINUTES.

SEC. 194. At the close of every Conclave the minutes shall be read, corrected and approved; they should be entered on the record before the next stated Conclave, at which time the journal should be read.

RANK.

SEC. 195. The first three officers of a Commandery, when present, outrank Past Officers, but a Past Commander may preside in their absence, regardless of the Commandery in which he acquired the rank.

RECEPTION OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 196. A Grand Commandery may by regulation prescribe the form of receiving its officers by a Commandery.

RESIGNATION.

SEC. 197. Neither of the first three officers of a Chartered Commandery can resign after installation, or demit during his term of office.

SEAL.

SEC. 198. The presiding officer of a Commandery has

a right to order its seal affixed to any certificate or other document which he can legally issue in the name of the Commandery.

SUMMONS.

SEC. 199. A summons may be issued by the Commander, attested by the Recorder.

SEC. 200. A Summons must be by personal service, or left at the residence or place of business of the person summoned, or deposited in the postoffice, directed to his usual address.

SEC. 201. It is necessary that the Seal, and not a facsimile, should be affixed to a Summons, but not to a notice.

VISITOR.

SEC. 202. A visitor must be examined in all the preceding degrees, as well as in the Orders, in so far as he is not properly vouched for.

SEC. 203. No visiting Knight Templar can be admitted to an Asylum if one of the members objects, unless he visits in an official capacity. The objection may be made openly or privately to the Commander and in neither case can the objector be required to disclose his reason for his objection.

CORRESPONDENCE.

SEC. 204. Correspondence between Commanderies of different Grand Commanderies must be conducted through their respective Grand Commanders.

SEC. 205. Correspondence between a Commandery under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment and a Commandery of a Grand Commandery must be conducted through the Grand Master and the Grand Commander.

SEC. 206. Complaints and all correspondence must be addressed in the first instance to the Commander, and through him to the Grand Commander, and through him to the Grand Master, if the latter has any jurisdiction in the case, but a member of the Grand Encampment may communicate directly with the Grand Master; and a Past Grand Commander, and all officers of a Grand Commandery, may communicate directly with the Grand Commander. In case the proper officer refuses or neglects to forward communications as herein provided, the complainant may transmit the same directly to the superior officer.

SEC. 207. A member of a Commandery under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, in applying to the Grand Master for a decision, must do so through his Commander.

DECISIONS.

SEC. 208. The decisions of the Grand Master, or Grand Commander, are binding until reversed by the Grand Encampment or Grand Commandery, and the latest decision upon any given subject is the one which governs.

DISCIPLINE.

SEC. 209. The Disciplinary Rules following these Statutes, shall be observed in the conduct of all trials and all the incidents connected therewith.

ELECTION.

SEC. 210. All elections in Templar Bodies must be by ballot.

SEC. 211. Blanks are not votes and cannot be considered as such.

SEC. 212. No nominations shall be made at an election in any Templar Body.

SEC. 213. Any member is eligible to election to any office in the Commandery, who is in good standing.

EXTINCT COMMANDERY.

SEC. 214. A member of an extinct Commandery is not liable for dues after the Commandery becomes extinct. The Grand Commandery has the right to collect from members of an extinct Commandery all dues chargeable against them at the time it became extinct, and to discipline those who refuse or neglect to pay the same.

SEC. 215. When a Commandery has ceased to exist, its members may join another Commandery, upon petition, and certificate from the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, or of the Grand Commandery, that his standing therein was good when said Commandery ceased to exist.

SEC. 216. The funds and property of an extinct Commandery become the property of the Grand Encampment or of the Grand Commandery, which may make such disposition thereof as it deems proper.

SEC. 217. When a Commandery under Dispensation ceases to exist, it cannot be revived and the unaffiliated petitioners, as well as those Knighted therein, are entitled to a certificate from the Grand Recorder showing that they are non-affiliated Knights Templar, which shall have the effect of a demit.

GRAND COMMANDERY.

COMMITTEES.

SEC. 218. A Grand Commandery may provide for the appointment of such committees as may be necessary for the transaction of its business or for the good of the Order, and may prescribe their duties.

CONTINUANCE.

SEC. 219. A Grand Commandery once formed continues to exist as long as it has three Commanderies; when the

number of its Commanderies is less than three it becomes extinct, and its property and effects vest in the Grand Encampment.

DISSOLUTION.

SEC. 220. If a Grand Commandery should dissolve, its Commanderies pass at once under the immediate authority of the Grand Encampment.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 221. The officers of a Grand Commandery may be installed by either of the first four officers of the Grand Encampment, by a past Grand Master, by the Grand Commander, or by a Past Grand Commander. If none such be present, then by the ranking Past Commander, by service, who may be present.

MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 222. The membership of a Grand Commandery or Commandery, cannot be enlarged or restricted from that prescribed by the Constitution of the Grand Encampment.

SEC. 223. A member of a Grand Commandery forfeits all rights of membership by being unaffiliated for a period of six months, during such period of non-affiliation.

SEC. 224. A member of a Grand Commandery does not forfeit any of the rights of membership by moving out of the jurisdiction, provided he maintains affiliation in a Commandery within the jurisdiction.

ORGANIZATION.

SEC. 225. When a Warrant is duly issued, a convention of the representatives of at least three of the petitioning Commanderies is held; the Warrant of the Grand Master is read; credentials are examined and approved; a resolu-

tion is adopted agreeing to form a Grand Commandery; officers are elected and installed; Statutes are enacted. All of these proceedings must be entered upon the journal, and due report thereof made to the Grand Master and Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment.

RANK OF COMMANDERIES.

SEC. 226. The Commanderies rank according to the dates of their Charters; and in the absence of the Grand Master, or his duly appointed proxy, the Commander of the oldest Commandery is, by courtesy, entitled to command or preside until a Grand Commander is elected and installed.

REPRESENTATIVES.

SEC. 227. Grand Commanderies cannot exchange representatives with Knights Templar organizations outside of the Jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

COMMITTEES.

SEC. 228. The Standing Committees shall be:

- (1) A Committee on Templar Jurisprudence.
- (2) A Committee on Finance.
- (3) A Committee on the Acts of Grand Officers.
- (4) A Committee on Dispensations and Charters.
- (5) A Committee on Grievances.
- (6) A Committee on Foreign Relations.
- (7) A Committee to designate the time and place for holding the next Triennial Conclave.
- (8) A Committee on Unfinished Business.
- (9) A Committee on Printing.

SEC. 229. Each Standing Committee, except as otherwise provided, shall consist of five members.

A. The Committee on Printing shall consist of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Recorder.

B. The Committee on Templar Jurisprudence, the Committee on Finance and the Committee on Foreign Relations shall be appointed at each Triennial Conclave by the newly elected Grand Master and shall serve until the close of the next Triennial Conclave.

C. The Committees on Templar Jurisprudence and Finance shall meet at the place designated for holding the Triennial Conclave on the Thursday preceding the time fixed for the Conclave.

D. The remaining standing Committees, namely, the Committee on the Acts of the Grand Officers, the Committee on Dispensations and Charters, the Committee on Grievances, the Committee to designate the time and place for holding the next Triennial Conclave, and the Committee on Unfinished Business, shall be appointed by the Grand Master at the beginning of each Triennial Conclave and shall serve until the close of the Conclave.

CREDENTIALS.

SEC. 230. A Committee on Credentials, consisting of three shall be appointed by the Grand Master at the opening of the Grand Encampment, to report as soon as practicable: *Provided*, That no representative of a Grand Commandery or of a Commandery shall be entitled to a seat, unless the dues shall have been paid, except by consent of the Grand Encampment.

TEMPLAR JURISPRUDENCE.

SEC. 231. The Committee on Templar Jurisprudence shall consider all decisions upon questions of Templar Law and usage reported by the Grand Master and such other matters as may be referred to them by him or the Grand Encampment, and its conclusions shall be reported

to the Grand Encampment. It is the duty of the Committee when called upon to give opinions on the legislative, judicial and executive functions of the Grand Encampment, the Grand Commanderies and the Commanderies, and on the prerogatives, powers and duties of the officers and members of the Grand and constituent bodies. It shall advise upon all questions of Templar Law and report upon all propositions for amendment of the Constitution and Statutes and upon all proposed regulations and edicts.

FINANCE.

SEC. 232. The Committee on Finance shall audit the accounts of the Grand Encampment, examine the books and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder and the Trustees of the Permanent Fund and of such Committees, Officers or members of the Grand Encampment as may have possession of any funds or property of the Grand Encampment, make up the expense bills and mileage rolls of such officers, members of Committees and others as should be paid, and recommend such appropriations as may be necessary to meet the current expenses of the ensuing three years. The Committee may require itemized statements of accounts, and shall inquire particularly into the estimates for current expenses and no appropriation shall be made without reference to the Committee on Finance and its report thereon.

THE ACTS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

SEC. 233. The reports of the several Grand Officers shall be furnished to the Committee on the Acts of the Grand Officers as soon as it is appointed, and it shall be the duty of the Committee to recommend the reference of the various subjects embraced in such reports to the appropriate committees for their consideration, or to recommend action thereon.

DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

SEC. 234. The Committee on Dispensations and Charters shall examine the reports and returns from Commanderies working under dispensation from the Grand Master or the Grand Encampment, noting particularly the nature and progress of their work. It shall report upon all applications to the Grand Encampment for dispensations or Charters and for the restoration of dispensations or Charters which may have been arrested. It shall also report upon all matters referred to it, connected with the general subject of Dispensations and Charters.

GRIEVANCES.

SEC. 235. The Committee on Grievances shall critically examine all cases of complaint or grievance submitted to it and report its conclusions and recommendations for the guidance of the Grand Encampment, in its action on any such case.

FOREIGN RELATIONS.

SEC. 236. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Foreign Relations to report to the Grand Encampment all matters of interest connected with the doings and current history of Foreign Knights Templar Bodies, to make such suggestions as may conduce to the benefit and good of the Order of Christian Knighthood throughout the world, and to consider and report upon such correspondence as may be had between this Grand Encampment and any body of Foreign Knights Templar.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT CONCLAVE.

SEC. 237. To the Committee to designate the time and place for holding the Triennial Conclave, shall be referred all invitations to the Grand Encampment for the succeeding Triennial Conclave, and it shall recommend to the Grand Encampment a suitable place for holding such Conclave.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

SEC. 238. The Committee on Unfinished Business shall examine the proceedings of the last Triennial Conclave and call the attention of the Grand Encampment to any matters requiring attention and remaining undisposed of.

PRINTING.

SEC. 239. The Committee on Printing shall determine, in the absence of instructions by the Grand Encampment, what portion of the proceedings shall be printed and supervise the same.

COMMANDERY OUTSIDE UNITED STATES.

SEC. 240. Whenever the Grand Encampment shall establish a Commandery at any place outside of the territorial limits of the United States, it shall define its jurisdictional limits.

CONTINGENT FUND OF GRAND MASTER.

SEC. 241. The Contingent Fund of the Grand Master shall be one thousand dollars per annum, to be paid by the Grand Treasurer, on his warrant as needed by him, and may be increased, if necessary, to fully reimburse him for his expenses in the administration of his office.

CONTINGENT FUND OF GRAND RECORDER.

SEC. 242. There shall be appropriated at each Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment a sufficient sum to be used by the Grand Recorder to meet the current expenses of his office, of which he shall render an account at the succeeding Triennial Conclave.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 243. The Grand Encampment shall proceed to the election of its officers to serve for the next ensuing three

years, immediately after the opening of the first session on the third day of the Triennial Conclave, and such election may continue from day to day until all elective officers shall have been elected.

FUNDS.

SEC. 244. Any Grand Officer or member of the Grand Encampment not otherwise specified, coming into the receipt of moneys or property belonging to the Grand Encampment, shall forthwith remit the same to the Grand Recorder.

GRAND RECORDER.

SEC. 245. The Grand Recorder shall report to the Grand Encampment, on the first day of each Triennial Conclave and to the Grand Master annually on the first day of September, except the year of the Triennial Conclave, when it shall be done a month preceding said Conclave a list of the Grand Commanderies and Commanderies under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, which have not complied with the requirement to furnish their full annual historical and financial returns. The report to the Grand Encampment shall include a list of such as have not paid their dues.

SEC. 246. He shall keep a "Book of Templar Masonry," in which shall be entered, in appropriate columns, the following subjects:

A. A register of Commanderies to contain—

The date of every Warrant issued by the Grand Master for the formation of a Grand Commandery, and the date when constituted.

The date of every Dispensation issued for a Commandery, and—

The date of every Charter issued for a Commandery granted by authority of the Grand Encampment since its organization.

B. A register of membership, to contain—

The roll of officers of the Grand Encampment, with their term of service, etc., since the organization of the same.

The roll of Elective Officers of the Grand Commanderies, terms of service, etc., from the organization of each.

The roll of Officers and members of the Commanderies working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, showing:

The current changes resulting from demissions, suspensions, expulsions and deaths.

C. Historical data, which may be useful in preserving a complete history of Templar Masonry in the United States:

To bind in orderly volumes a copy of each of the Proceedings of the Grand Encampment.

To collect and bind in orderly volumes a copy of each of the Proceedings of the several Grand Commanderies, from the organization of each.

To collect and bind in orderly volumes a copy of the Statutes and Regulations of each of the Grand Commanderies.

To collect and bind in an orderly volume, impressions of the Seals of all the Grand Commanderies.

To collect and bind in orderly volumes copies of the By-Laws of all the Commanderies working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment.

To collect and bind in an orderly volume impressions of the Seal of each Commandery working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment.

SEC. 247. He shall render annually on the first day of September to the Grand Master, and oftener if required, a statement of his accounts of all moneys received by him and paid to the Grand Treasurer, naming the sources from which received: *Provided*, That in the year in which the Triennial Conclave is held, it shall be rendered the first day of the month preceding such Conclave.

SEC. 248. He shall render to the Grand Encampment, triennially, a full report of his official acts, giving a general account of the moneys received and paid to the Grand Treasurer; also a statement of the expenditures of the "contingent fund" of his office, and shall submit his books for the inspection of the Finance Committee.

SEC. 249. When a Dispensation has been issued for the formation of a Commandery, he shall immediately forward to the Commander thereof a copy of the Constitution, together with the Statutes, Edicts, and Proceedings of the Grand Encampment next preceding the issue of the Dispensation.

SEC. 250. He shall cause to be printed in advance of each Conclave, a sufficient number of copies of the reports of the Grand Officers to supply the Committees and members.

SEC. 251. The Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment shall receive ten dollars as his fee for each Charter issued for a Commandery and five dollars for endorsing under the Seal of the Grand Encampment, the extension of a Dispensation.

INSTALLATION.

SEC. 252. The officers of the Grand Encampment shall be installed by the Grand Master, or by a Past Grand Master. If none such are present, then by the ranking Past Grand Commander, by service, who may be present.

SEC. 253. Officers-elect of the Grand Encampment, or of a Grand Commandery, who cannot be present at the regular time for installation, may be installed in such Commandery as the Grand Encampment or Grand Commandery, respectively, may designate.

SEC. 254. The Recorder of the Commandery in which such installation shall take place shall forthwith certify the fact to the Grand Recorder.

JEWEL OF PAST GRAND MASTER.

SEC. 255. The Jewel of a Past Grand Master is that adopted by the Grand Encampment in 1877.

NON-AFFILIATION FORFEITS MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 256. A member of the Grand Encampment forfeits all the rights of membership by being unaffiliated for a period of six months, during such period of non-affiliation.

PARADE.

SEC. 257. The Grand Encampment will accept no invitation to unite in a Templar parade during its Conclaves.

REVENUE.

SEC. 258. The Grand Encampment shall charge and receive for each Dispensation and Charter issued to a Commandery under its immediate jurisdiction, the sum of one hundred dollars, which shall be paid to the Recorder of the Grand Encampment before the Dispensation is issued.

SEC. 259. Commanderies under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment shall pay to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment the sum of two dollars for each Knight Templar created in such Commandery, and an annual per capita of one dollar for each member on the roll on the first day of January in each year.

The Grand Commanderies shall pay to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment such an amount as may be prescribed by the Grand Encampment as dues for each Knight Templar returned as a member of the respective Commanderies at the Conclave of the Grand Commandery preceding July 1st, in each year.

READING OF THE JOURNAL.

SEC. 260. After the opening of the Grand Encampment, it shall be the duty of the Grand Recorder to read the Journal of the last Triennial Conclave, unless such reading be dispensed with; and at the resumption of business in each successive morning session, the minutes of the preceding day shall be read.

REPORTS OF GRAND OFFICERS.

SEC. 261. The Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Generalissimo, the Grand Captain-General, the Grand Treasurer, and the Grand Recorder shall successively read the reports of their doings during the preceding three years, which shall be referred to the Standing Committee on the Acts of the Grand Officers, who may recommend the apportionment of such parts thereof to Special, or to such Standing Committee as they may deem necessary or proper.

SEC. 262. While the several Committees are preparing their reports, new business may be acted upon; and if any subject is brought forward requiring a reference to any Standing or Special Committee, it shall be so referred forthwith.

SEC. 263. No member shall be allowed to speak more than once on the same subject, unless by special permission of the Grand Encampment.

SEAL.

SEC. 264. The Seal of the Grand Encampment consists of a circle two inches in diameter shaded one-eighth of an inch inside, enclosing a circle one and one-half inches in diameter. Between the outer and inner circles are the words 'Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U. S. A.' Within the inner circle is a representation of a Knight in full armor leaning on his sword, which is

grasped by his right hand; his left arm supports a shield, triangular in shape, upon which is emblazoned a cross, the three upper arms of which terminate with a crosshead.

INSTALLATION.

SEC. 265. It is not necessary for a re-elected officer to be installed, as he holds over, by virtue of his former election and installation, until his successor is installed.

SEC. 266. The officers to be installed cannot be represented by proxy.

ITINERANT COMMANDERY.

SEC. 267. No Dispensation or Charter can be granted to organize a traveling or itinerant Commandery.

MOUNTED COMMANDERY.

SEC. 268. A Commandery requires no dispensation or permission to change to a "Mounted Commandery."

NEW COMMANDERY.

ASYLUM.

SEC. 269. No Commandery shall be constituted until it is provided with a suitable Asylum properly furnished.

BY-LAWS.

SEC. 270. When a Commandery has been chartered and constituted it must enact by-laws for its government and the transaction of its business, subject, however, to the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Encampment and the Grand Commandery.

SEC. 271. The first three officers of a new Commandery shall be appointed by the Grand Master or Grand

Commander, and when a charter is issued shall be named in it, and serve until the Commandery is constituted, when officers shall be elected and installed.

COMMENCEMENT OF WORK.

SEC. 272. A Commandery Under Dispensation requires no formal proceedings in order to commence work. The members assemble and proceed as if regularly constituted.

CONSTITUTION.

SEC. 273. A Commandery Under Dispensation cannot be constituted. It cannot enact By-Laws, but it may prescribe such rules as are necessary for its government. It cannot be represented in a Grand Body.

SEC. 274. A Commandery can be constituted only by the Grand Master, or the Grand Commander, or by appointed proxy, after it has been chartered, and nine members must be present.

SEC. 275. When constituted, report thereof shall be made to the Grand Master or Grand Commander, as the case may be, by the officer constituting the same.

SEC. 276. The officers of a Commandery which has not been constituted are not members of the Grand Commandery and cannot vote therein, although the Charter of their Commandery has been issued.

MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 277. After a Dispensation is granted to form a new Commandery, the membership of the Knights who petitioned therefor remains in abeyance as to the older Commanderies to which they belonged, when signing the petition. They become active members of the Commandery while under dispensation, and when a Charter is granted, and the Commandery constituted, they continue

to be members of the new Commandery and cease to be members of the old ones, except such as may have withdrawn before the Charter was granted and had their demits returned to the Commanderies which issued them.

PETITIONERS.

SEC. 278. Petitioners for a new Commandery must file their demits with the Grand Recorder. Commanderies may, however, issue conditional demits to such petitioners, to become final only when the charter for the new Commandery has been granted, of which fact the Grand Recorder shall notify the Commanderies issuing them. And if a Charter be refused, the Grand Recorder shall cancel and return such conditional demits to the several Commanderies which issued them. In the meantime such petitioners shall not be liable to the parent Commanderies for dues.

SEC. 279. Any signer of a petition for a Dispensation, may dissolve his connection with such new Commandery before a Charter has been granted; and, thereupon, his conditional demit shall be canceled and returned by the Grand Recorder to the Commandery which issued it and his membership revives in his old Commandery.

REFUSAL OF DISPENSATION.

SEC. 280. When a Dispensation for a new Commandery has been refused the matter can be revived only by a new petition.

POWERS.

SEC. 281. Except as otherwise provided, a Commandery Under Dispensation has the same rights and powers as a Chartered Commandery.

RESIGNATION.

SEC. 282. Any officer of a Commandery Under Dispensation may resign with the consent of the Grand Master or Grand Commander.

STATUS OF INITIATES.

SEC. 283 Knights Templar created in a Commandery Under Dispensation, sustain the exact relation to that Commandery and to other Templars which is sustained by those Knighted in Chartered Commanderies.

TERM OF OFFICE.

SEC. 284. The officers ordinarily hold office during the continuance of the Dispensation; but the Grand Master or Grand Commander has the power to relieve an officer and appoint another.

UNFINISHED WORK.

SEC. 285. Petitions presented to a Commandery Under Dispensation and not balloted on, may be considered and acted upon by the Commandery after it shall have been duly constituted under charter.

PAST COMMANDER.

SEC. 286. A Past Commander demitting to the jurisdiction of another Grand Commandery, forfeits his membership in the Grand Commandery of which he has been a member, and acquires no rank in the Grand Commandery of the jurisdiction in which he has affiliated, but a Past Grand Commander or a Past Commander demitting to the jurisdiction of another Grand Commandery, may be elected to membership therein, and retain the rank held before his removal.

SEC. 287. Seniority of service is not affected by the Commandery in which the title was acquired, but a Past Commander must be a member of the Commandery in which he officiates, except in cases otherwise provided.

QUORUM.

SEC. 288. In all Templar Bodies, a quorum consists of nine members entitled to vote therein, including an officer authorized to open the same; in the Grand Encampment, three or more Grand Commanderies, and in a Grand Commandery, three or more Commanderies must be represented.

SEC. 289. In the absence of a quorum, no business can be transacted; but a quorum being present, the vote of a less number is valid.

RANK.

SEC. 290. One who has filled by installation and a term of service, the office of Grand Master, Grand Commander, or Commander, retains the rank and title, with the word "past" prefixed.

SEC. 291. The Commander of a Commandery Under Dispensation does not become a Past Commander when such Commandery is chartered.

RITUAL.

SEC. 292. The Rituals, as promulgated by the Grand Encampment, cannot be altered or abridged except by the action of the Grand Encampment.

RULES OF ORDER.

SEC. 293. When the presiding officer wishes the debate to close he rises, and that ends the discussion.

STANDARDS.

SEC. 294. The Grand Standard is of white woolen or silk stuff, five feet in height and three feet in width, made tripartite at the bottom, fastened at the top to the cross bar by nine rings; in the center of the field, a blood red passion cross, over which is the motto *In hoc signo vinces*"; and under "*Non Nobis Domine, non Nobis sed nomini tuo da Gloriam*". The cross to be three feet high, and the upright and bar to be six inches wide. On the top of the staff, a gilded globe or ball, four inches in diameter, surmounted by the Patriarchal Cross, twelve inches in height—the cross to be crimson, edged with gold.

The Beauseant of the Order shall be of silk, in two stripes of equal width running horizontally, the upper stripe black and the lower stripe white—six feet fly and three feet six inches on the staff; swallow-tailed one-third its length; the edges of the flag shall be plain without fringe. The name of the Commandery shall be placed upon its upper stripe, and its location on the lower stripe, the lettering being in contra colors to the field. The staff shall be nine feet in length, including the cross-head, which shall be of gold or gilt metal, consisting of a ball surmounted by the Patriarchal Cross. Cords and tassels composed of strands of black and white silk in equal proportions, shall be attached to the base of the crosshead.

STANDING.

SEC. 295. When a Knight Templar has been suspended or expelled for unknighly conduct he may be restored to good standing and to membership on petition, if the ballot shall be unanimous. But if it be a majority ballot, to good standing and not to membership.

SEC. 296. When a member of a Commandery loses his good standing by being suspended, expelled or stricken from the roll of his Lodge or Chapter, and his suspension or expulsion by the Commandery is the result thereof, a

certificate of his restoration will restore him to good standing and membership in his Commandery.

SEC. 297. The suspension or expulsion of a Knight Templar by the Grand Encampment, by a Grand Commandery, by a Commandery or by a Lodge or Chapter, deprives him of membership in the Commandery, and of all the rights and privileges of Knighthood so long as the judgment remains in force.

SEC. 298. When the suspension or expulsion is made or confirmed by the Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter, as the case may be, the commandery cannot go behind the record or adjudicate upon the question of jurisdiction.

SEC. 299. Acquittal, suspension or expulsion by Lodge or Chapter, does not deprive his Commandery of the right to try him for the same or other offenses committed either before or after his trial in Lodge or Chapter.

SEC. 300. In the event that the suspension or expulsion is by the Lodge or Chapter, a certificate from the Lodge or Chapter, of its action, should be filed with the Recorder of the Commandery and entered on the minutes.

SEC. 301. If a certificate of the facts cannot be obtained from the Secretary of the Lodge or Chapter, they may be proved by oral testimony.

UNIFORM.

SEC. 302. Each Grand Commandery shall have full power and authority to prescribe the uniform to be worn by Templars belonging to its own jurisdiction, except that the insignia of rank shall always be under the exclusive control and regulation of the Grand Encampment.

SEC. 303. In the absence of any legislation by the Grand Encampment or the governing Grand Commandery, each Commandery may determine by its by-laws whether or not Knights Templar may be admitted to its sessions without full Templar uniform.

SEC. 304. A Commandery may adopt a by-law requiring a Companion of the Red Cross to equip himself with the Knights Templar uniform, before he can receive the Order of the Temple.

SEC. 305. The uniform of Companions of the Red Cross, Knights Templar, and Knights of Malta, under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment, is that prescribed by the Grand Encampment in 1862.

SEC. 306. The Templar baldric reversed, exhibiting the green side, Templar cap with Red Cross of the Order, instead of Passion Cross, or covered, sword, and white gloves, constitute the uniform of a Companion of the Red Cross. The Sovereign Master shall wear the royal robes and crown, and the High Priest his full robes, etc. (See Ritual).

SEC. 307. The uniform of a Knight of Malta shall be the same as that of a Knight Templar.

SEC. 308. All Past Grand Officers are entitled to wear the Templar Cross.

SEC. 309. The wearing of shoulder straps is limited to the officers and past officers, as follows:

For Grand Master and Past Grand Masters of the Grand Encampment—Royal purple silk velvet, two inches wide by four inches long (outside measurement), bordered with two rows of embroidery, of gold, three-eighths of an inch wide; the Cross of Salem embroidered, of gold, in the center, lengthwise.

For all other Grand Officers of the Grand Encampment—The same as the Grand Master, except for the Cross of Salem, the Patriarchal Cross of gold, with the initials of the office respectively embroidered, of silver, in old English characters, at the foot of the Cross, narrowwise of the strap.

For the officers of a Grand Commandery—Bright red silk velvet, two inches wide by four inches long, with one row of gold embroidery, a quarter of an inch wide; the

Templar Cross, of gold, with the initials of the office, respectively, to be embroidered in old English characters, of silver, on the lower end of the strap.

For Past Grand Commanders—The same as above, except that the color of the shoulder strap shall be royal purple, and the lettering omitted.

For the Commander of a Commandery—Emerald green silk velvet, one and one-half inches wide by four inches long, bordered with one row of embroidery, of gold, a quarter of an inch wide, the Passion Cross, with a halo, embroidered, of silver, in the center.

For Past Commanders—The same as for Commanders, except that the color of the strap shall be bright red.

For the Generalissimo—The same as the Commander, except for the Passion Cross, the Square, surmounted with the Paschal Lamb.

For the Captain-General—Same as the Commander, except for the Passion Cross, the Level, surmounted with the Cock.

VOTE.

SEC. 310. A member can have but one vote in his own right in the Grand Encampment or in a Grand Commandery or a Commandery, except the presiding officer, who, in case of a tie, shall have the casting vote, in addition to his individual vote.

REPEALING CLAUSE.

SEC. 311. All laws heretofore enacted, adopted, or approved, are hereby repealed.

DISCIPLINARY RULES.

The following rules shall be observed in the conduct of all trials:

RULE I.

AUTHORITY OF COMMANDERIES.

Every Commandery has authority to call before it and punish according to Masonic usage and in the manner and to the extent prescribed by this Code, all Companions of the Red Cross and Knights Templar offending against Masonry, good morals and society, residing or sojourning within its jurisdiction, wherever the act may be committed.

RULE II.

COMMANDERIES U. D., NON-AFFILIATES, SUSPENDED AND EXPELLED TEMPLARS.

Members and postulates of Commanderies Under Dispensation, non-affiliates and suspended Templars are amenable to the Commandery where the act complained of is committed.

RULE III.

MEMBERS OF ANOTHER COMMANDERY.

If the accused is a member of another Commandery in the same State, it shall be the duty of the Commandery within whose jurisdiction the act complained of is committed, to prefer charges against him and to send them to his Commandery, and if the Commandery of which he is a member shall not within four months, proceed and try him for such offense, the Commandery where the act

is committed shall have jurisdiction and proceed to try him as if he were a member of that Commandery, and its judgment shall have the same effect as if it were rendered by the Commandery of which he is a member.

RULE IV.

MEMBERS OF COMMANDERIES IN ANOTHER STATE.

If a member of a Commandery in another jurisdiction shall while sojourning or residing within the jurisdiction of any Commandery commit an act which would subject a member of a Commandery to trial and discipline, charges shall be made against him by the Commandery where he may be at the time the act was done, and sent to the Commandery of his membership, through the Grand Recorder, but he shall, nevertheless, be tried by the Commandery within whose jurisdiction the act was committed, the proceedings to be conducted in every essential respect as if he were a member of that Commandery and its judgment shall have the same effect. A certified copy of the judgment shall be sent under seal of the Commandery trying him, through the Grand Recorder, to the Commandery of his membership.

RULE V.

UNKNOWN COMMANDERY.

If the accused shall refuse to disclose the Commandery in which he holds membership, he shall be proceeded against and tried as if he were a non-affiliate, and the judgment shall have the same effect.

RULE VI.

DERELICT COMMANDERY.

If a Commandery within whose jurisdiction an offense shall be committed, shall neglect or refuse to proceed

against an offending Templar, not a member of that Commandery, and it shall come to the knowledge of another Commandery or a Grand Officer, he or it, shall forthwith give notice thereof to the Grand Master or Grand Commander, who may either require that Commandery or another Commandery to investigate the alleged offense and proceed, as in his judgment, the welfare of the Order may require, and the judgment of the Commandery to whom the case may be referred by the Grand Master or Grand Commander, shall have the same effect as if he were a member of that Commandery.

RULE VII.

PRESIDING OFFICER.

A Commandery cannot try its Commander or an officer serving as Commander, while he continues to be the presiding officer of the Commandery. If, however, one serving as Commander shall commit an act of an immoral or un-Masonic character, for which he shall not be tried by the Grand Encampment or Grand Commandery, he may, after he ceases to serve as Commander, be tried by his Commandery, but the presiding officer of a Commandery is accountable to the Grand Encampment or Grand Commandery only, for any act performed in his official capacity; or he may be tried and disciplined by the Grand Encampment or Grand Commandery for immoral and un-Masonic conduct committed while in office, or it may refer the accusation to his Commandery for investigation, after his term of office shall have expired.

RULE VIII.

IMPEACHMENT OF COMMANDER.

If five members of his Commandery, or any Grand Officer shall impeach the Commander, or officer performing the functions of Commander, before the Grand Mas-

ter or Grand Commander, he shall forthwith cause an investigation to be made of his alleged misconduct, or he may make such investigation in person, and if after such investigation, he shall find that the welfare of the Order demands the same, he may suspend such officer and place the Commandery under the control of the ranking officer. But no presiding officer shall be suspended from the functions of his office without being first given an opportunity to be heard in his defense.

If, as the result of such investigation, the Grand Master or Grand Commander shall find that the alleged misconduct is of a sufficiently grave character to warrant the offender being brought to trial by the Grand Encampment or Grand Commandery, he shall cause charges and specifications to be made and served on the accused and appoint a Grand Officer, or if it is inconvenient for a Grand Officer to attend, then a Past Commander, neither of whom shall be members of the Commandery over which the accused presides, as a Commissioner to take and reduce to writing the evidence of all persons who may have knowledge of the facts, and to procure and certify to all written evidence. And the accused and his accusers may appear in person, or by counsel, before said Commissioner and be heard, so far as may be necessary to bring out all the facts. Said Commissioner shall not pass on the competency or relevancy of evidence, nor report any conclusion, but his sole function shall be to secure and place in order the evidence for the consideration of the Grand Encampment or Grand Commandery, and when he has done so, he shall certify to and forward the record so made, to the Grand Master or Grand Commander, as the case may be.

RULE IX.

ANY ONE MAY MAKE CHARGES.

Any affiliated Knight Templar may prefer charges to

the Commandery against any Companion of the Red Cross or Knight Templar.

RULE X.

CHARGES MAY BE WITHDRAWN.

Charges against a Companion of the Order of the Red Cross or Knight Templar may be withdrawn by consent of the Commandery before the commencement of the hearing thereon.

RULE XI.

NOTICE TO ACCUSED.

If Charges and Specifications are presented to the Commandery, a copy of the same shall be forthwith furnished to the accused by delivering a true copy of them to him by the Recorder, or if he shall not reside within the jurisdiction of the Commandery, then by mailing a copy to him at his usual place of residence, if his postoffice shall be known, and if not known, and if his whereabouts cannot be ascertained, after diligent inquiry, he shall so report to the Commandery, and it shall proceed as if he were served, and set a day for trial, not to be within less than ten days thereafter, and if the accused shall not appear at the time fixed, the Commandery shall appoint some competent Templar to represent him and the trial shall proceed as if personal service had been made.

The copy of the Charges and Specifications furnished to the accused shall be accompanied with a notice to the accused to the effect following:

You are fraternally notified that the accompanying Charges and Specifications against you having been pre-

sented to Commandery, a Committee, consisting of Sir, Sir, and Sir, will meet at, onday of, 19...., at o'clockM., to take the evidence of such persons as cannot be admitted into the Commandery, to testify, and you are requested to attend and cross examine such witnesses, and also to present any persons, who cannot be admitted into the Commandery, whose testimony you may desire to have read at your trial, and said hearing will be continued from day to day until all such testimony shall have been taken.

You are hereby further notified that the Commandery will proceed and try said charges and specifications at a Conclave to be held on the day of 19.... when you may be present in person, and by counsel, who must be a Knight Templar, and the evidence of witnesses who are Knights Templar, both for and against you, will be taken, and the hearing concluded.

.....,
Recorder.

RULE XII.

EVIDENCE OF OTHERS THAN KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

On the day and at the place specified in the notice to the accused, which shall not be within ten days from the service or mailing of the same, the Committee shall proceed to examine, first the witnesses in support of the charges, and second those for the accused, who cannot be admitted into the Commandery to give their evidence, and continue from day to day, until the evidence of all persons who cannot be admitted into the Commandery is taken, but an adjournment may be taken, by agreement with the accused, to any other time or place, and by like

agreement in writing, an earlier day than that named in the notice may be agreed upon.

RULE XIII.

DAY OF TRIAL.

On the day named in the notice, which shall not be in less than ten days after the charges are presented to the Commandery, the trial shall proceed, unless, for good cause shown, the Commandery may continue the same until another day.

RULE XIV.

PROSECUTION AND DEFENSE.

The Commandery must appoint a Knight Templar to prosecute the case and the accused may appear in person or by a Knight Templar as counsel, and in his absence and that of any person selected by him to conduct his defense, it shall be the duty of the Commander to appoint some competent Templar to defend him, and such appointment shall be made before any evidence is taken by the Committee.

RULE XV.

PLEA OF GUILTY.

If any one against whom charges are made shall appear, either in person or by counsel, and plead guilty, such plea shall have the effect to dispense with the necessity of taking any evidence against him, but if he introduce any evidence in mitigation of the offense it may be rebutted, after which the Commandery shall proceed as in other cases, to fix the penalty.

RULE XVI.

CHANGE OF VENUE.

If at any time before the commencement of the trial, the accused shall file with the Recorder, a verified statement that he believes that he cannot have a fair and impartial trial of the cause in the Commandery where the same is pending, the Commandery shall change the venue thereof to a Commandery in an adjoining jurisdiction, and the Commandery to which the case is venued shall proceed to and try the case, as if the same had originated therein, and the expenses, if any, of the trial, shall be charged to and paid by the Commandery having original jurisdiction; Provided, however, but one change of venue can be granted.

RULE XVII.

ACCUSER.

If charges are made by an individual, he shall have no more voice in the proceedings than any other Templar but it is the duty of every Templar to assist the Commandery in bringing the guilty to punishment, and therefore a Templar knowing a brother to be unworthy is bound to disclose the facts to the Commandery or Committee, but unless he makes the charges himself he is not to be regarded as the accuser. If, however, one presents charges in his own name or prosecutes them in a private capacity, he becomes, by so doing, the accuser and incapacitates himself to sit in judgment and must therefore be excluded from the Commandery when the Commandery is voting upon the question of guilt and fixing the penalty.

RULE XVIII.

ACCUSED IN ARREST.

Charges and Specifications may be made against anyone who is at the time charged with a violation of the

laws of the land, but while proceedings are pending against him in the courts of the country they must be held in abeyance in the Commandery, except that the evidence of essential witnesses, who are likely to leave the country, or whose death is apprehended in consequence of present infirmity, may be taken by a Committee, first serving on the accused a copy of the charges and notice of the time and place.

RULE XIX.

EVIDENCE.

The evidence of Masons shall be taken upon the honor of a Mason and that of all others upon honor.

If evidence of a profane, who is beyond the reach of the Commandery is desired either in proving or disproving the charges, or of a Mason who by reason of distance, sickness or other infirmity, cannot attend at the trial, it may be taken by a Commission, to be composed of three Knights Templar to be appointed by the Commander. When the witnesses have testified the Commissioners shall certify and send the deposition to the Commander, who shall file it with the Recorder, but either party may inspect it before the trial.

The evidence of all witnesses shall be reduced to writing and signed by the witness; that taken by a Committee by them, and that taken at the trial by the Recorder, or some proper person to be designated by the Commander.

RULE XX.

GRAND OFFICER.

If a Grand Officer is sent by the Grand Master or Grand Commander or called by a Commandery to preside at a trial or adjust any differences in a Commandery he shall be paid his actual expenses by the Commandery.

If the Grand Master or Grand Commander shall find it necessary for him to attend in person to preside in any Commandery, he is authorized to draw upon the Grand Treasurer for his expenses.

RULE XXI.

WHO PRESIDES.

Ordinarily the Commander should preside at every trial, but he may call upon any Past Commander, not objected to by the Commandery or the accused, to preside for him, if he thinks that it is expedient to do so.

RULE XXII.

THE TRIAL.

At the trial the procedure shall be as follows :

1. Reading of the Charges and Specifications.
2. Plea, if any, to Charges and Specifications.
3. Examination of witnesses in support of Charges and Specifications.
4. Reading of depositions in support of Charges and Specifications.
5. Examination of witnesses for the accused.
6. Reading of depositions for the accused.
7. Rebutting evidence on either side, if any.
8. Argument in support of the Charges on behalf of the Committee and accuser, if any.
9. Argument for the accused, if any.
10. Withdrawal of the accused and accuser, if any, and all but members of the Commandery from the room.
11. Comments upon the evidence by any member, who has not previously spoken, and who is not engaged as counsel for either party.

12. The Commander shall then put the question: Is the accused guilty of the first specification? All who believe that he is will cast a black ball, and all who think he is not, will cast a white ball.

And in like manner the Commandery shall vote upon each specification and charge. The ballot box being first presented to the Commander, Generalissimo and Captain-General in succession and afterwards placed on the altar for the members to vote.

After each ballot the Commander, Generalissimo and Captain-General will announce the number of white and black balls.

If three-fourths of the balls are black, the specification or charge voted upon shall be considered as proven, and otherwise the accused shall be acquitted.

RULE XXIII.

THE PENALTY.

If any one of the charges is sustained by the requisite vote, the Commandery shall proceed in like manner by a majority vote to fix the penalty, as follows:

1. Shall the Sir Knight be expelled? All who think he should be will cast a black ball, and those who think he ought not to be, a white ball.

2. Shall the Sir Knight be indefinitely suspended? All who think he should be will cast a black ball, and those who think he ought not to be, a white ball.

3. Shall the Sir Knight be suspended for a definite period? All who think that he should be will cast a black ball, and all who think he ought not to be, a white ball.

4. Shall the Sir Knight be reprimanded? All who think he should be will cast a black ball, and all who think he ought not to be, a white ball.

If the conclusion of the Commandery is to suspend, a vote will be taken, on motion, to fix the period of suspension.

The Commandery having decided upon what sentence it will inflict, the accused will be admitted, and the result announced to him by the Commander.

RULE XXIV.

NEW TRIAL.

One new trial may, for good cause, be granted, when any Templar has been convicted of the charges against him by the Commander who presided at the trial or by the Commandery.

RULE XXV.

APPEAL.

1. The accused may, within three months after a decision has been rendered, take an appeal to the Grand Encampment or Grand Commandery by giving notice in writing to the Commander, of his desire to appeal, in which notice he shall set forth his objections to the action of the Commandery.

2. If a judgment appealed from be reversed, the Knight Templar who was under discipline is thereby restored to good standing and membership in his Commandery.

3. If on appeal the Grand Encampment or a Grand Commandery shall restore a suspended or expelled Knight Templar to good standing only, the Grand Recorder shall give a certificate to have the effect of a demit.

4. The Grand Encampment or a Grand Commandery, upon an appeal, may modify the judgment of its subordinates.

5. A Grand Commandery acting upon an appeal may admit the appellant to argue his own case, although he may have been expelled by his Commandery.

RULE XXVI.

RECORD.

When the Commander shall receive notice of an appeal being taken from the decision at a trial, he shall instruct the Recorder to forthwith make a full and perfect transcript of the record of all the proceedings, and he shall sign the same and have it forwarded, without delay to the Grand Recorder. And it shall be the duty of such Commander to inspect such record and to see that nothing is omitted therefrom which was before the Commandery at the trial, including the notice of appeal, and that the Recorder duly certifies to the same under the seal of the Commandery. And any Commander refusing or neglecting to perform this duty shall be held guilty of contumacy toward the Grand Encampment or Grand Commandery.

RULE XXVII.

NO APPEAL, NO RECORD.

Whenever a Templar shall be expelled and no appeal taken to the Grand Encampment or Grand Commandery, the Commander shall cause the Recorder to certify to the Grand Recorder the sentence, under seal of the Commandery.

RULE XXVIII.

RESTORATION.

Expulsion continues in force until removed by the Grand Encampment or Grand Commandery on appeal, but at any time before final action by the Grand Body, the Commandery may, by a three-fourths vote, rescind its action and certify the same to the Grand Body.

Restoration from indefinite suspension shall be full and

complete, or limited in its effect to the general rights and privileges of the Order, not including membership. If full and complete, a unanimous vote is necessary, but if limited to the general rights and privileges, it requires but a majority vote.

Suspension takes effect from the date of its infliction by the Commandery and if for a definite period, terminates with the expiration of that period, without any further action by the Commandery. If indefinite it continues until the Commandery shall remove it, provided, that at any time before an appeal is taken, the Commandery may revise its findings and substitute suspension, definite or indefinite for expulsion.

Restoration from either expulsion or indefinite suspension shall only be made on petition in writing, of the party, setting forth the grounds upon which he petitions for clemency, which must be made at a Stated Conclave and referred to a Committee of Inquiry to report at another Stated Conclave and, if practicable, notice of the pendency of such a petition must be given to all the members. A Commandery may restore a suspended member at the hearing of such petition by a majority vote, if such restoration is limited to the general rights and privileges, but if it includes membership the vote must be unanimous.

RULE XXIX.

NO PUBLICITY.

In no case shall the judgment of the Commandery at a trial be made public unless the penalty inflicted is suspension or expulsion.

RULE XXX.

TWICE IN JEOPARDY.

No one can be placed in jeopardy twice for the same act.

RULE XXXI.

MINUTES.

The only part of a record at a trial which need to be copied into the minutes is the action of the Commandery and the charges and specifications. Evidence and papers read shall not be set forth in full, but a separate record is to be made of all proceedings at a trial, and when there in an appeal, the original record may be used and certified to.

TRIAL

IN

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OR GRAND COMMAND-
ERY.

RULE XXXII.

IMPEACHMENT OF GRAND OFFICER.

Whenever a Grand Officer shall be impeached like proceedings shall be had as in case of the presiding officer of a Commandery, except that the record shall be submitted direct to the Grand Body, and the hearing shall be had therein, before which the accused and his accusers may appear in person or by counsel.

RULE XXXIII

NO JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT.

In no case shall there be a judgment by default, but in all cases trials must be had on the evidence or record submitted.

CONSTITUTING NEW COMMANDERIES.

The Sir Knights about to be constituted will assemble in their Asylum.

The Triangle should be placed near the center of the hall, the tapers not lighted. The Bible and relics on the Triangle should be covered.

The Grand Commandery, or constituting officers of the same, having met and made due preparatory arrangements in an adjoining room, will march to the Commandery hall, where they should be received with the proper salute, and assume their stations.

The Grand Commander, or officer in charge, will then cause the service to commence, by the rendering of an appropriate hymn or chant. Then may follow the reading of a Scripture lesson by the Grand Prelate. (Micah vii., 8-12, is suggested for such a lesson.) Prayer shall then be offered by the Grand Prelate, all standing and uncovered.

PRAYER.

Almighty and ever-blessed God, our Father, with whom is our life, and from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, unto Thee we bow our hearts in reverence and in trust, gratefully acknowledging all Thy mercies and the manifold manifestations of Thy providence and Thy truth. And now, as we engage in the solemn service of this occasion, we beseech Thy blessed help and direction, that all things may be done to Thy glory and to the advancements of the interests we have in charge. Let Thy grace be poured upon these, Thy servants, about to be constituted into an organization founded upon the Christian religion and the practice of the Christian virtues. Give unto them a large appreciation of the mission to which they are called, and an earnest purpose to perform the duties which will henceforth devolve upon

them in connection with this new organization. Enlighten their minds, purify their hearts, and help them to attain such true consecration of soul that they may indeed bear much fruit to the honor and glory of Thy holy Name. May they be true to the pledges that they have taken as members of this Institution, true to the example and teachings of the Great Captain of their salvation, that so they may be met at the last with the welcome, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." All this we ask, most merciful Father, through Him who is the Resurrection and the Life, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

All resume chapeaux, after which the "Gloria Patri" may be rendered.

The Deputy Grand Commander, at the base of the Triangle, will then address the Grand Commander as follows:

Right Eminent Sir, a constitutional number of Knights of the Valiant and Magnanimous Order of the Temple, duly instructed in the sublime mysteries of our Order, having received from the proper authority a Charter authorizing them to hold a regular Commandery of Knights Templar, are now assembled for the purpose of being legally constituted, and having their officers installed in due form.

Grand Commander—Let the Charter be read.

The Grand Recorder reads the Charter.

The Sir Knights will stand at "present swords" whilst the Grand Commander makes the following

DECLARATION OF CONSTITUTION.

By virtue of the high power and authority in me vested, I do now form you, Sir Knights, into a just and regular Commandery of Knights Templar, by the distinctive title of ————— Commandery; and you are henceforth authorized and empowered to form and open a Council of Companions of the Red Cross, a Commandery

of Knights Templar, and a Priory of Knights of Malta, and to perform all such things as may appertain to the same; conforming in all your doings to the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery under whose authority you act, and to the Constitution, Laws and Edicts of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America. And may the God of our fathers be with you, guide and direct you in all your undertakings.

The Grand Wardens will now uncover the jewels on the Triangle, whilst the choir shall chant the Fifteenth Psalm, or some other appropriate selection. The Grand Commander will then cause the Sir Knights to be assembled about the Triangle, and the Grand Prelate may then read the Apostle's Creed, as follows:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and Earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell, The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church, The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body; And the Life everlasting. Amen.

Grand Commander—Sir Knight Grand Prelate, you will now pronounce the words of consecration:

Grand Prelate—To our Most Eminent and Worthy Patron, St. John the Almoner, I do now solemnly dedicate this Commandery, by the name and title of —————
 ———— Commandery; and may the God of all grace abundantly bless it and all its members in their laudable undertaking, and may each one of its members so redeem his time that he will receive the joyful invitation, "Enter

thou into the joy of thy Lord." Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men.

Response by all the Sir Knights :

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Then may follow the "Gloria in Excelsis," or "Te Deum Laudamus," by the choir, after which, by order of the Grand Commander, the Grand Marshal makes the following proclamation :

GRAND MARSHAL'S PROCLAMATION.

Hear ye! hear ye! hear ye! Valiant Knights of the Temple!

I am ordered to proclaim that this new Commandery of Knights Templar, by the name of _____ Commandery, has been legally constituted according to the forms and ceremonies of the Order of Knights Templar; and that it is now authorized to meet and work as a regular Commandery under the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of _____.

This proclamation is from the East, once (a blast on trumpet), twice (trumpet), thrice (trumpet). All interested will take due notice, and govern themselves accordingly.

The new Commandery will now be opened in due form, and proceed to the election of officers, the instituting officer presiding.

(If the Grand Commandery has assembled for consecration services only, the Sir Knights will be formed in two divisions, inward faced; the Grand Officers then retire, passing under an arch of steel, escorted by the Commander, Generalissimo, and Captain-General, preceded by the Warder, to entrance of Asylum.)

The Commandery having been duly constituted, the officers are to be installed with the following ceremony:

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS OF A COMMANDERY.

The Grand Officers having been duly received and escorted to their respective stations, the Grand Commander states the purpose of the occasion, and calls upon the Grand Prelate to lead in devotional exercises. A Scripture lesson should be read, and prayer offered. If a choir is present, an appropriate selection of music may be given.

The Grand Marshal receives from the Recorder a list of the officers-elect, and retires with them to Ante Room; forms them in line according to official rank—swords at a carry—Commander on right.

An altar should be placed before the Grand Commander, with Holy Bible opened, and Square, Compasses, Cross Swords, Jewels, Charter, Constitution of Grand Encampment, Statutes, and Regulations of Grand Commandery, and By-Laws of Commandery resting thereon. The Banners of the Commandery to be displayed from the Commander's station.

The Grand Marshal announces officers elect. The Grand Commander orders the Sir Knights to form in two divisions—swords at a carry—at open order, full width of Asylum, and inward faced.

GRAND MARCH.

Grand Marshal escorts officers-elect into Asylum, halts and faces them before Grand Commander, right resting on South. Commander is placed in center, and three paces in front of officers-elect.

The Grand Marshal will command, Present Swords! and saluting the presiding officer will report,

Right Eminent Sir, I present to you for installation the officers duly chosen.

Installing Officer: Sir Knights, before engaging in these important ceremonies, let us unite with our Excellent Prelate in an invocation to Deity,

Carry Swords! Order Swords! Uncover! Excellent Prelate, lead our devotions.

(The Prelate offers an appropriate prayer ending with the Lord's Prayer, in which all join.)

Installing Officer: Sir Knights, Recover! Carry Swords! Sir Knight Marshal, present the Commander elect.

The Grand Marshal says:

Right Eminent Sir: I have the honor to present to you, Sir Knight ———, who has been elected to the office of Commander of this Commandery. I find him to be well skilled in our sublime mysteries, and observant of the noble precepts of our forefathers, and have, therefore, no doubt that he will discharge the important duties of his office with fidelity.

The Grand Commander then asks: "Sir Knight, are you ready to subscribe to the vow of office?" On his answering in the affirmative, the Grand Commander will draw his sword, and hold it horizontally, the edge toward the Commander-elect, who will place his right hand on the blade, and uncover with his left hand.

The Grand Marshal says: Commandery, Present Swords!

The Installing Officer says: Repeat after me,

I, ———, do promise and vow that I will support and maintain the Constitution, Laws and Rituals of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America; and the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of this Jurisdiction; and the By-Laws of this Commandery; and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office to which I have been chosen to the best of my ability.

Grand Marshal will say: Carry Swords! Parade Rest!

The Grand Commander will then address the Commander-elect as follows:

Eminent Sir: Having been elected to the important and honorable station of Commander of this Commandery, it is with unfeigned pleasure that I enter upon the discharge of the duty of installing you into office. As the head of a Christian institution you are charged with important responsibilities and duties, and it is confidently anticipated that your fidelity to these trusts will reflect honor upon yourself, and credit upon your Commandery. It now becomes my duty to propose certain questions to you, to which unequivocal answers are required:

I. Do you solemnly promise, upon the honor of a Knight Templar, that you will redouble your endeavors to correct the vices, purify the morals, and promote the happiness of those of your brethren who have attained to this magnanimous Order?

II. That you will never suffer your Commandery to be opened unless there be present nine regular Knights of the Order?

III. That you will not confer the Orders upon any one who has not shown a charitable and humane disposition, or who has not made a considerable proficiency in the preceding degrees?

IV. That you will promote the general good of the Order, and on all proper occasions be ready to give and receive instructions, particularly from the Grand Officers?

V. That, to the utmost of your power you will preserve the solemnities of our ceremonies, and behave, in open Commandery, with the most profound respect and reverence, as an example to your brethren?

VI. That you will not acknowledge or hold communication with any Commandery that does not work under a Constitutional Dispensation or Charter?

VII. That you will not admit any visitor into your Commandery who has not been knighted in a lawful Commandery, without his being first formally healed?

VIII. That you will pay due respect and obedience to

the instructions of the Grand Officers, particularly relating to the several lectures and charges, and will resign the chair to them, severally, when they may visit your Commandery?

IX. That you will support and maintain the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Encampment, and the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery under whose authority you act?

X. That you will bind your successor in office to the observance of the same rules to which you have now assented?

Do you submit to all these things And do you promise to observe and practice them faithfully?

If the Commander responds affirmatively, the Grand Commander then addresses him as follows:

Eminent Sir: Having been chosen by the members of your Commandery to fill the most exalted position in their power to bestow, I congratulate you upon being the recipient of such honorable preferment, and now invest you with the jewel of your office, which is a cross surrounded by rays of light. It is to remind you that humility, love, and pure benevolence are refulgent rays that emanate from the pure and undefiled religion of the blessed Emanuel, and which should ever characterize the members of this Christian Order. It is to remind you of Him who died that He might give life to the world. and who is indeed the Lord and Saviour of all those who accept His guidance and obey His precepts.

I present you the Charter of your Commandery. You will receive it as a sacred deposit, and never permit it to be used for any other purposes than those expressed in it, and safely transmit it to your successor in office.

I also commit to your hands the Holy Bible, the great light in every degree of Masonry, together with the Cross Swords. The doctrines contained in this sacred volume create in us a belief in the existence of the Eternal Je-

hovah, the one only living and true God, the Creator and Judge of all things in heaven and earth; they also confirm in us a belief in the dispensations of His providence. This belief strengthens our Faith, and enables us to ascend the first step of the Grand Masonic ladder. This faith naturally produces in us a Hope of becoming partakers in the promises expressed in this inestimable gift of God to man, which Hope enables us to ascend the second step; but the third and last, being Charity, comprehends the former, and will continue to exert its influence when Faith shall be lost in sight, and Hope ends in complete fruition. The Cross Swords, resting upon the Holy Bible are to remind us that we should be "strong in the Lord and in the power of His might"; that we should put on the whole armor of God, to be able to wrestle successfully against principalities and powers, and spiritual wickedness in high places.

I also present you with the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America, the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of this State, and the By-Laws of your Commandery. You will frequently consult them yourself, and cause them to be read for the information of your Commandery, that all, being informed of their duty, may have no reasonable excuse to offer for the neglect of it.

And now, Eminent Sir, permit me to induct you into the chair of your Commandery, and, in behalf of the Sir Knights here assembled, to offer you my most sincere congratulations on your accession to the honorable station you now fill. It will henceforth be your special duty to preserve, inviolate, the Constitution and Laws of the Order; to dispense justice, reward merit, encourage truth, and diffuse the sublime principles of universal benevolence. You will distribute alms to poor and weary pilgrims traveling from afar, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and bind up the wounds of the afflicted. You will inculcate the duties of Charity and hospitality, and govern your Commandery with justice and moderation.

And finally, my brother, may the bright example of the illustrious heroes of former ages, whose matchless valor has shed undying lustre over the name of Knight Templar, encourage and animate you to the faithful performance of every duty.

Grand Marshal: Commandery, Attention! Carry Swords! Present Swords!

Installing Officer: Sir Knights, behold your Commander. Recollect, Sir Knights, that the prosperity of your Commandery will as much depend on your support, assistance and obedience, as on the assiduity, fidelity and wisdom of your Commander. Be ye, therefore, diligent and faithful in the performance of your respective duties.

Grand Marshal orders:

Sir Knights! Carry Swords! Officers-elect, Return Swords!

If the new Commander desires to offer any remarks this is the appropriate time.

Then may follow a chant or appropriate hymn by the choir.

The Grand Marshal then presents the other officers in the following words: Right Eminent Sir: I have the further honor of presenting to you, for installation, these valiant Sir Knights who have been chosen to fill the various offices in this Commandery for the ensuing year, and now declare themselves ready to enter upon the duties of their respective stations.

The Grand Commander addresses the officers-elect as follows:

Sir Knights: Before proceeding to invest you with the honor and responsibility of your respective stations, it becomes my duty to administer to you the vow of office. Do you severally consent to take upon yourselves that vow?

They bow in token of assent.

Installing Officer: Sir Knight Grand Marshal, you will place the officers-elect in proper position.

Grand Marshal: Officers-elect count twos! number one, Draw Swords! Point Swords to the left! number two, Grasp blade with right hand! Uncover!

Grand Marshal then says:

Right Eminent Sir: The officers chosen are in proper position to take upon themselves the vow of office.

Grand Marshal, turning to the Commandery, orders: Commandery, Attention! Present swords!

Installing Officer: Officers-elect, repeat after me:

VOW OF OFFICE.

I, —————, do promise and vow that I will support and maintain the Constitution, Laws and Rituals of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of this jurisdiction, and the By-Laws of this Commandery, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office to which I have been chosen to the best of my ability.

Grand Marshal orders: Officers-elect, Recover!

Numbers two—Relinquish sword blade! Numbers one—Carry swords! Return swords! Grand Marshal addressing the Commandery, orders: Commandery! Carry swords! Return swords! Be seated.

Grand Marshal conducts the Generalissimo first, then the remaining officers, according to rank, to the Altar, before the Grand Commander, introducing each by his title, and designating the office to which he has been chosen. The Grand Commander will receive each of these officers with fitting words, calling attention to their official duties and charging them to faithfulness in discharging the same. He will also invest these officers with their re-

spective jewels, and direct them to their respective stations.

[The following are suggested as appropriate charges:]

CHARGE TO THE GENERALISSIMO.

Sir: You have been elected Generalissimo of this Commandery. I now invest you with the jewel of your office, which is a Square, surmounted by a Paschal Lamb. When beholding the Lamb, let it stimulate you to have at all times, a watchful eye over your own conduct, and an earnest solicitude for the prosperity of the kingdom of the blessed Emanuel, the spotless Lamb of God, who was slain from the foundation of the world.

The Square is to remind you that love and friendship should forever govern the members of Freemasonry and of the Orders of Knighthood. Your station is on the right of your Commander; you are to assist him in his various duties; and, in his absence, to preside. I charge you, therefore, to be faithful to the Sir Knights with whom you are associated; put them often in remembrance of those things which tend to their everlasting peace. Finally, "preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine": ever remembering the promise, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

CHARGE TO THE CAPTAIN-GENERAL.

Sir: You have been elected Captain-General of this Commandery. I now invest you with the jewel of your office, which is a Level, surmounted by a Cock. As the undaunted courage and valor of the Cock stimulates him to conquer his competitor, or yield himself a victim to the contest, so should you be stimulated to the discharge of every duty. You should have on "the breastplate of righteousness," so that with patience and meekness you may ever travel on the level of humility, and be

so supplied with divine grace as to prevent you from selling your God or denying your Master. Your station is on the left of your Commander. Your duty, among other things, is to see that due preparation is made for the various Conclaves of the Commandery; that the Chambers and Asylum are in suitable array for the introduction of candidates, and the dispatch of business. You are also to receive and communicate to the lines all orders issued by the Commander. You are to assist in Council, and, in the absence of your Commander and Generalissimo you are to preside over the Commandery. And now, I exhort you, that with fidelity you perform every duty; and, "whatsoever ye do, do heartily as to the Lord, and not unto men: continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving;" ever bearing in mind the promise, "Be not weary in well-doing, for in due season ye shall reap if ye faint not."

CHARGE TO THE SENIOR WARDEN.

Sir: You have been elected Senior Warden of this Commandery. I now invest you with the jewel of your office, which is the Hollow Square and Sword of Justice. It is to remind you that as the children of Israel marched in a hollow square in their journey through the wilderness, in order to guard and protect the Ark of the Covenant, so should you be vigilant in guarding every avenue from innovation and error. Let the Sword of Justice, therefore, be ever drawn to guard the Constitution of the Order. Your station is at the southwest angle of the Triangle, and upon the right of the first division. You will attend pilgrim warriors, comfort and support pilgrim penitents, and, after due trial, introduce them into the Asylum. Let it be your constant care that the warrior be not deterred from duty, nor the penitent molested on his journey. Finally, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

CHARGE TO THE JUNIOR WARDEN.

Sir: You have been elected Junior Warden of this Commandery. I now invest you with the jewel of your office, which is an Eagle and Flaming Sword. It is to remind you to perform your various duties with justice and valor, having an eagle eye on the prosperity of the Order. Your station is at the northwest angle of the Triangle, and on the left of the third division. Your duty is to attend weary pilgrims traveling from afar, conduct them on their journey, plead their cause, and, in due time, recommend them to the Commander. You will be careful that, in addition to the pilgrim's garb, sandals, staff, and scrip, their whole preparation and deportment shall be such as to cause them to be recognized as children of humility. Teach them that "*Magna est Veritas et Praevalebit*" is the motto of our Order; although they will often find the heights of fortune inaccessible, and the thorny path of life crooked, adverse, and forlorn, yet by faith and humility—courage and constancy—patience and perseverance—they may gain admission into the Asylum above, there to enjoy the rewards that await the valiant soldiers of the Lord Jesus Christ. Finally, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord that you may be a shining light in the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.

CHARGE TO THE PRELATE.

Sir: You have been elected Prelate of this Commandery. I have the pleasure of investing you with this Triple Triangle, which is the jewel of your office, and a beautiful emblem of Deity. Your station is on the right of the Generalissimo. Your duty is to officiate at the Altar, and to offer up prayers to Jehovah. Your jewel is to remind you of the importance of the trust reposed in you; and may "He who is able, abundantly furnish you for every good work, preserve you from falling into error, improve, strengthen, establish and perfect you," and finally greet

you with "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

CHARGE TO THE TREASURER.

Sir: You have been elected Treasurer of this Commandery. I now invest you with the jewel of your office. Your station is on the right of the Generalissimo, in front. The qualities which should recommend a Treasurer are accuracy and fidelity—accuracy in keeping a fair and minute account of all receipts and disbursements; fidelity, in carefully preserving all the property and funds of the Commandery that may be placed in his hands, and rendering a just account of the same whenever he is called upon for that purpose. I presume that your respect and attachment to the Commandery, and your earnest solicitude for a good name, which is better than precious ointment, will prompt you to the faithful discharge of the duties of your office.

CHARGE TO THE RECORDER.

Sir: You have been elected Recorder of this Commandery. I now invest you with the jewel of your office. Your station is on the left of the Captain-General, in front. The qualities which should recommend a Recorder are: promptitude in issuing the notifications and orders of his superior officers; punctuality in attending the Conclaves of the Commandery; correctness in recording their proceedings; judgment in discriminating between what is proper and what is improper to be committed to writing; integrity in accounting for all moneys that may pass through his hands, and fidelity in paying the same over to the Treasurer. The possession of these good qualities, I presume, has designated you for this important office, and I cannot entertain a doubt that you will discharge its duties beneficially to the Commandery and honorably to yourself. And when you shall have completed the record of your transactions here below, and finished the

term of your probation, may you be admitted into the celestial Asylum of saints and angels, and find your name recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life.

CHARGE TO THE STANDARD BEARER.

Sir: You have been chosen Standard Bearer of this Commandery. I now invest you with the jewel of your office, which is a Plumb, surmounted by a Banner. Your station is in the West, and in the center of the second division. Your duty is to display, support, and protect the Banner of our Order which I now, with pleasure, confide to your valor. You will remember that it is our rallying point in time of danger; and when unfurled in a just and virtuous cause, you will never relinquish it to an enemy but with your life. Let, therefore, your conduct be such as all the virtuous will delight to imitate; let the refulgent rays, which ever emanate from pure benevolence and humility, diffuse their luster on all around, that it may encourage and animate all true and courteous Knights, and, at the same time, confound and dismay all their enemies.

CHARGE TO THE SWORD BEARER.

Sir: You have been chosen Sword Bearer of this Commandery. I now invest you with the jewel of your office, which is a Triangle and Cross Swords. Your station is on the right of the Standard Bearer and on the right of the second division. Your duty is to assist in protecting the Banner of our Order, with a heart devoted to the principles of Faith, Hope and Charity. Holding the mystic sword that is endowed with justice and fortitude, and tempered with mercy, you may cast your eyes upon the Banner, and remember that "*In Hoc Signo Vincas*" is an expressive motto of our Order, and consoling to the heart of every believer.

CHARGE TO THE WARDER.

Sir: You have been chosen Warder of this Commandery. I now invest you with the jewel of your office, which is a Square Plate with a Trumpet and Cross Swords engraved thereon. Your station is on the left of the Standard Bearer and upon the left of the second division, when separately formed. Your duty is to sound the Assembly, announce the approach and departure of the Eminent Commander, to post the sentinels, and see that the Asylum is duly guarded. You will, also, report all petitions from visitors and strangers. I charge you to be punctual in your attendance, and indefatigable in the discharge of your important duties for though yours is among the last offices in the Commandery, it is by no means the least important.

CHARGE TO THE THREE GUARDS.

Sir Knights: You have been chosen Guards. I now invest you with the jewel of your office, which is a Square Plate with a Battle Ax engraved thereon. Your posts are those of honor as well as danger. You will, therefore, be vigilant, challenge with spirit, examine with caution, admonish with candor, relieve cheerfully, protect with fidelity, and fight valiantly.

CHARGE TO THE SENTINEL.

Sir: You have been chosen Sentinel of this Commandery, and I invest you with the jewel of your office, which is a Square Plate with a Battle Ax engraved thereon, and this implement of your office. As the sword is placed in the hands of the Sentinel to enable him effectually to guard against the approach of cowans and eavesdroppers, and suffer none to pass or repass but such as are duly qualified, so it should morally serve as a constant admonition to set a guard at the entrance of our thoughts, to place a watch at the door of our lips, to post a sentinel

at the avenue of our actions, thereby excluding every unqualified and unworthy thought, word and deed, and preserving consciences void of offense toward God and toward man.

As the first application from visitors for admission into the Commandery is generally made to the Sentinel at the door, your station will often present you to the observation of strangers; it is, therefore, essentially necessary that he who sustains the office with which you are entrusted, should be a man of good morals, steady habits, strict discipline, temperate, affable, and discreet. I trust that a just regard for the honor and reputation of the institution will ever induce you to perform with fidelity the trust reposed in you, and when the door of this earthly tabernacle shall be closed, may you find an abundant entrance, through the gates, into the temple and city of our God.

The presiding officer then delivers the following

CHARGE TO THE COMMANDERY.

Sir Knights: To manage and conduct the concerns of a Commandery of Knights Templar with that promptitude, integrity, and skill which the institution demands, will require the exercise of all the talents and perseverance of its officers and members. Are any of you solicitous that your equals and inferiors should conduct themselves toward you with deference and respect? Be sure to let no opportunity pass without furnishing them an example in your own conduct. The officers will recollect that those moral and religious duties and precepts which they, from time to time, so forcibly impress upon the minds of others, should by no means be neglected by themselves, and the most effectual way to insure success is to let precept and example go hand in hand.

I would, therefore, exhort one and all to look well to the East, to the West, to the North, and to the South, and see that the entering avenues are strictly guarded, and

that you suffer no one to pass the threshold of your Asylum but the worthy children of humility, and, at the same time, that you suffer no one to walk among you disorderly without admonition or reproof. While such is the conduct of the officers and members, you may rest assured that this valiant, magnanimous Order will forever flourish like the green bay tree. And now, Sir Knights, I would address you in the language of David to his beloved city: "Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces! For my brethren and companions' sake, I will now say, Peace be within thee!"

The Grand Marshal will then say: Commandery, Attention! Draw swords! Present swords! He will then make the

OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION.

Hear ye! hear ye! hear ye! Valiant Knights of the Temple! In the name of the Grand Commandery of the State of I hereby proclaim that the officers of Commandery, No., Knights Templar, have been duly installed into their respective stations for the ensuing Templar year, and the Commandery is now constitutionally organized for the dispatch of business. This proclamation is made to the North (one blast on trumpet), to the South (one blast), to the East (one blast), to the West (grand flourish on trumpet). All true and courteous Knights will take due notice thereof, and govern themselves accordingly.

Grand Marshal: Carry swords! Return swords! Be seated!

The choir may then chant the "Te Deum Laudamus," or render some other appropriate musical selection.

The Grand Commandery may then retire with a proper escort, and the Commandery will proceed with the regular order of business.

INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR GRAND COMMANDERIES.

At the time selected for the ceremony of installation, the acting Grand Commander shall take his place as presiding officer, and select some competent Sir Knight to act as Grand Marshal, under whose direction the officers-elect will retire to an adjoining room. The jewels of office should be placed on the Altar in front of the installing officer. The Grand Commander will then direct the Grand Marshal to introduce the Grand Officers-elect, and display them by single line, facing the East, in the order of their official rank, the Grand Commander on the right.

The Grand Marshal will then say:

Right Eminent Sir, I present before you these Sir Knights, who, having been duly elected officers of this Grand Commandery for the ensuing year, are now ready to enter upon the duties of their several stations.

Then, all standing, the Grand Commander will say:

Sir Knights: Before investing you with the jewels of your respective official positions, it becomes my duty to receive from you the vow of office. Are you willing to take such vow?

They bow in token of assent.

The Grand Marshal will then cause each Sir Knight in the line of officers-elect occupying the odd numbers from the right of the line to draw his sword dropping it to the left to a horizontal position. The Sir Knight on his left will lay his left hand upon the sword, then each will place his right hand upon his left breast, and repeat after the Grand Commander the following

VOW OF OFFICE.

I, do promise and vow that I will support and maintain the Constitution, Laws and Rituals of

the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of this Jurisdiction, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office to which I have been chosen to the best of my ability.

The Grand Marshal will then conduct the Grand Commander-elect to the front of the Altar, and, addressing the presiding officer, will say:

Right Eminent Sir: I present to you Sir Knight, who has been elected to the office of Grand Commander of Knights Templar of this jurisdiction, and who now declares himself ready for installation.

The presiding officer will then say:

Sir Knights, Attention! Uncover! Let us unite with our Grand Prelate in an invocation to the Throne of Grace.

The Grand Prelate will then offer an appropriate prayer.

The Sir Knights will then be covered, and the presiding officer will deliver to the Grand Commander the following

CHARGE.

Right Eminent Sir: Having been called by the members of this Grand Body to fill the highest office in their gift, I congratulate you upon having received such high honor at their hands, and I now invest you with the jewel of your office.

Having placed the jewel on the left breast of the Grand Commander, he continues:

The high honors of your office are accompanied by weighty responsibilities. While your authority will at all times be respected, and your orders cheerfully obeyed, it is expected that you will have a watchful care over

the interests of the Order in your jurisdiction, and enforce a prompt obedience to its Constitution, Laws and Regulations; that you will yourself exemplify, in your daily walk and conversation, the excellent tenets of our profession; that your ears will never be closed to the cry of the widow and the orphan; and that you will not turn aside from injured innocence and the wayfaring brother in distress. Maintain with unfailing care the Constitution, Laws and Regulations of this Grand Body, and by your own respect for law cause others to find a strong incentive to obedience of all lawful requirements.

Right Eminent Sir: Approach the East. Sir Knights, Attention! Behold your Grand Commander! Grand Commander, behold your Grand Commandery!

The Grand Commandery will now be seated, and should the new Grand Commander desire to offer any remarks, this is the appropriate time.

The Grand Marshal will then present the remaining Grand officers for installation, which work may be done by the Grand Commander, or the officer previously officiating. In either case, the officers to be installed shall be charged to the faithful performance of the duties of their respective positions, and shall be invested with the jewels thereto attached.

Due proclamation shall then be made by the Grand Marshal as follows :

Hear ye! hear ye! hear ye! Valiant Knights of the Temple! The Officers of the Grand Commandery of, for the year ensuing have been duly installed into their respective stations. This proclamation is made to the North (one blast on trumpet), to the South (one blast), to the East (one blast), and to the West (grand flourish on trumpet). All true and courteous Knights will take due notice thereof, and govern themselves accordingly.

If desired, appropriate music may be used during the ceremony.

INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

At the time designated for the ceremony of installation, the officers-elect shall be placed in due position before the retiring Grand Master, or some officer designated to take his place in the performing of the service of installation, who shall administer to them the following

VOW OF OFFICE.

I,, do promise and vow that I will support and maintain the Constitution, Laws and Rituals of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties belonging to the office to which I have been chosen to the best of my ability.

Prayer may then be offered.

The presiding officer may then address the Grand Master and those associated with him in office, calling attention to the work and responsibility which devolve upon them, and giving to them a special charge that they shall exercise a careful supervision of the affairs and interests of the Order, and be diligent in their several exalted stations to exemplify the graces of Christian Knighthood.

He shall then cause proclamation to be made that the officers have been duly installed.

FORM OF PETITION FOR THE ORDERS.

*To the Commander, Generalissimo, Captain-General and Sir
Knights of.....Commandery, No. ..., Knights Templar:*

The undersigned represents that he received the degree of Master Mason in Lodge No. ..., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of, and the degree of Royal Arch Mason in Chapter, No. ..., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of and that he is at the present time a member of Lodge, No. ..., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of, and Chapter, No. ..., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of; that he is a firm believer in the Christian religion, and that he has been rejected (by..... Commandery of, on the day of 19....); that he is desirous of receiving the Orders of Knighthood conferred in your Commandery, and if found worthy, promises to conform to the ancient usages and customs of the Order.

He was born on the day of A. D.,, in the State of His place of residence is His occupation is that of, That he has read this petition, and that he has personally signed his full name hereto.

.....
(Sign your name in full.)

Dated

We vouch for the good character and Masonic standing of the petitioner and recommend his admission.

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BURIAL SERVICE OF THE ORDERS OF MASONIC KNIGHTHOOD

GENERAL REGULATIONS.

1. No Knight Templar can be buried with the funeral honors of Knighthood, unless he be in regular standing.

2. An unaffiliated Knight is not entitled to Templar honors; but the Commandery may grant them, or it may withhold them, without breach of Knightly duty.

3. It is the duty of the Eminent Commander to convene the Commandery, upon notice of the death of a Sir Knight who may be entitled to receive funeral honors, upon request, made when living or by his family after his decease, for the purpose of attending the funeral ceremonies.

4. The Knights, on such occasions, will attend in full uniform, pursuant to the regulations, their sword-hilts and the banner of the Commandery being suitably dressed in mourning.

In unpleasant weather the fatigue uniform may be worn.

5. On the coffin of the deceased Knight will be placed his hat and sword; and, if an officer, his jewel, trimmed with crape.

6. The Eminent Commander will preside during the services, and, assisted by the Prelate, lead in the ceremonies, pursuant to the ritual. If Grand Officers or Past Grand Officers be present, they will be allotted a place in the procession according to their rank.

7. The Sir Knights will assemble at their Asylum, and march to the residence of the deceased in the usual order of processions; the line being headed by the Warder, and the officers being in the rear, according to rank; that is, the Eminent Commander last; but if a Grand Prelate be present, he shall take the place of the Prelate of the Commandery.

On arriving at the house, the lines are opened and the Eminent Commander passes to the front and receives the body, placing the hat and sword on the coffin.

8. The procession is then formed as before; the body, with the mourners and citizens present, being in the rear of the Sir Knights. If the services are to be performed at a church or other place of public assembly, the procession on arriving will enter in reversed order, the Eminent Commander and Prelate preceding the body and mourners.

9. On arrival at the cemetery, the Captain-General will place the Commandery as may be convenient according to the conformation of the ground. When practical, it is recommended that the Commandery be formed in two lines, one each side of the grave, the Commander and Prelate at the head, pall-bearers beside the coffin, and mourners and friends at the foot.

10. When the public or religious services are concluded, six Sir Knights, as a guard of honor will form arch of steel over the body, the Eminent Commander with the Prelate being at the head of the coffin and the Senior and Junior Wardens at the foot.

11. Nearly all the Funeral Service of Knighthood is generally performed at the house of the deceased, at a church or at some place of public assembly. It may, however, be deferred till at the grave, but is not recommended. It will be conducted according to the following ritual:

All being in readiness—

Choir renders an appropriate selection.

RITUAL.

Eminent Commander. Sir Knights, in the solemn rites of our Order, we have often been reminded of the great truth that we were born to die. Mortality has been brought to view; that we might more earnestly seek an immortality beyond this fleeting life, where death can come no more forever. The sad and mournful funeral knell has betokened

that another spirit has winged its flight to a new state of existence. An alarm has come to the door of our Asylum, and the messenger was Death; and none presumed to say to the awful presence, "Who dare approach?" A pilgrim warrior has been summoned, "and there is no discharge in that war." A burning taper of life in our Commandery has been extinguished, and none save the High and Holy One can relight it.

All that remains of our beloved companion Sir Knight lies mute before us, and the light of the eye, and the breathing of the lips, in their language of fraternal greeting, has ceased for us forever on this side of the grave. His sword, vowed only to be drawn in the cause of truth, justice and rational liberty, reposes in its scabbard, and our arms can no more shield him from wrong or oppression.

[Here the Guard of Honor return swords at a signal from the Eminent Commander.]

It is meet, at such a time, that we should be silent, and let the words of the Infinite and Undying speak, that we may gather consolation from His revelations, and impress upon our minds lessons of wisdom and instruction and the meekness of preparation for the last great change which must pass upon us all.

Let us be reverently attentive while Sir Knight, our Prelate, reads to us a lesson from the Holy Scriptures.

Captain-General. 1. Commandery, 2. Attention.

Prelate. Help, Lord! for the faithful fail from among the children of men.

Response. Help us, O Lord!

Prelate. The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivereth them out of all their troubles.

Response. Hear us, O Lord!

Prelate. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart, and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

Response. Be nigh unto us, O Lord!

Prelate. The Lord redeemeth the souls of His servants; and none of them that trust in Him shall be desolate.

Response. Redeem us, O Lord!

Prelate. For I will not trust in my bow, neither shall my sword save me.

Response. Redeem us, O Lord!

Prelate. But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave; for He shall receive me.

Response. Redeem us, O Lord!

Prelate. Wilt Thou show wonders to the dead? Shall the dead arise and praise Thee? Shall Thy loving kindness be declared in the grave, or Thy faithfulness in destruction?

Response. Save us, O Lord!

Prelate. We spend our years as a tale that is told. The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if, by reason of strength, they be fourscore years, yet is their strength, labor and sorrow, for it is soon cut off and we fly away. So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Response. Teach us, O Lord!

Prelate. For He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust. As for man, his days are as grass; as a flower of the field, he flourisheth. For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more. But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him.

Response. Show mercy, O Lord!

Prelate. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So, when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality,

then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written. Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

Response. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

Prelate. The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Response. Thanks be to God!

Eminent Commander. Shall the memory of our departed brother fade from among men?

Response. It is cherished in our souls forever.

Eminent Commander. Shall no record be left of his virtues and worth?

Response. It is inscribed upon our hearts; it is written in our archives: the heart may cease to throb, and the archives may molder and decay, but the tablets of the recording angel on high can never perish.

[*The Recorder here opens the Book of Records of the Commandery, on which a page is set apart, suitably inscribed, and says:*]

Recorder. Thus it is written.

[*The Knights bow their heads.*]

Eminent Commander. He was a true and courteous Knight, and has fallen in life's struggle full Knightly with his armor on, prepared for Knightly deeds.

Prelate. Rest to his ashes, and peace to his soul!

Response. Rest to his ashes, and peace to his soul!

Prelate. Sovereign Ruler of the Universe! into Thy hands we devoutly and submissively commit the departed spirit.

Response. Thy will be done, O God!

[*Choir renders an appropriate selection of music; but when there are other ceremonies, music here should be omitted.*]

Prelate makes the following prayer, or an extemporaneous one if preferred. The prayer may be made by a clergyman if desirable.

Father of Lights, in this dark and trying hour of calamity and sorrow, we humbly lift our hearts to Thee. Give us, we pray, that light which cometh down from above. Thou hast mercifully said in Thy Holy Word that the bruised reed thou wouldst not break; remember in mercy, O Lord, these bereaved ones now before Thee. Be Thou, at this hour, the Father of the fatherless, and the widow's God. Administer to them the consolations which they so sorely need. Cause us to look away from these sad scenes of frail mortality to the hopes which lie beyond the grave, and bind us yet closer together in the ties of brotherly love and affection. While we see how frail is man, and how uncertain the continuance of our lives upon the earth, and are reminded of our own mortality, lead us, by Thy grace and spirit, to turn our thoughts to those things which make for our everlasting peace; and give us a frame of mind to make a proper improvement of all the admonitions of Thy providence, and fix our thoughts more devotedly on Thee, the only sure refuge in time of need. And at last, when our earthly pilgrimage shall be ended, "when the silver cord shall be loosed and the golden bowl be broken," wilt Thou, O God, in that moment of mortal extremity, be indeed *Immanuel*—Christ with us; may the "lamp of Thy love" dispel the gloom of the dark valley, and we be enabled by the commendations of Thy Son to gain admission into the blessed Asylum above; and in thy glorious presence, amidst its ineffable mysteries, enjoy a union with the spirits of the departed, perfect as is the happiness of heaven, and durable as the eternity of God. *Amen.*

Response. Amen and Amen.

[*Choir renders an appropriate selection of music.*]

Prelate. Sir Knights, there is one sacred spot upon the earth where the footfalls of our march are unheeded; our

trumpets quicken no pulse and incite no fear; the rustling of our banners and the gleam of our swords awaken no emotion. [It is the silent city of the dead, to which another of our number is now to be borne.*] Awe rests upon every heart, and the stern warrior's eyes are bedewed with tears which never shame his manhood. It needs no siege, nor assault, nor beleaguering host to enter its walls; we fear no sortie, and listen for no battle shout. No Warder's challenge greets the ear, nor do we wait awhile with patience for permission to enter.

Hither must we all come at last; and the stoutest heart and the manliest form that surrounds me will then be led a captive, without title or rank, in the chains of mortality and the habiliments of slavery, to the King of Terrors. But if he has been faithful to the Captain of his salvation, a true soldier of the Cross; if he has offered suitable gifts at the shrine of his departed Lord, and bears the signet of the Lion of the tribe of Judah, then may he claim to be of that princely house and to be admitted to audience with the Sovereign Master of Heaven and Earth. Then will he be stripped of the chains of earthly captivity and clothed in a white garment, glistening as the sun, and be seated with princes and rulers, and partake of a libation, not of death and sorrow, but of that wine which is drank forever new in the Father's kingdom above.

We cannot come here without subdued hearts and softened affections. Often as the challenge comes which takes from our side some loved associate, some cherished companion-in-arms, and often as the trumpet sounds its wailing notes to summon us to the death bed and the brink of the sepulchre, we cannot contemplate "the last of earth" unmoved. Each successive death-note snaps some fibre which binds us to this lower existence, and makes us pause and reflect upon that dark and gloomy chamber where we must all terminate our pilgrimage. Well will it be for our peace then if we can wash

*When the service is given at the grave, the sentence in brackets is changed to read as follows: It is the silent city of the dead where we now stand.

our hands, not only in token of sincerity, but of every guilty stain, and give honest and satisfactory answers to the questions required.

The sad and solemn scene now before us stirs up these recollections with force and vivid power. He who now slumbers in that last, long, unbroken sleep of death was our brother. With him have we walked the pilgrimage of life, and kept watch and ward together in its vicissitudes and trials. He is now removed from the effect of our praise or censure. That we loved him our presence here evinces, and we remember him in scenes to which the world was not witness, and where the better feelings of humanity were exhibited without disguise. That he had faults is but to repeat what his mortality demonstrates—that he had a human nature, not divine. Over those faults we cast, while living, the mantle of charity; it should, with much more reason, enshroud him in death. We who have been taught to extend the point of charity even to a foe, when fallen, cannot be severe or merciless toward a loved brother.

The memory of his virtues lingers in our remembrance and reflects its shining luster beyond the portals of the tomb. The earthen vase which has contained precious odors will lose none of its fragrance, though the clay be broken and shattered. So be it with our brother's memory.

[*Junior Warden steps forward and presents the sword to the Eminent Commander.*]

Eminent Commander. Our departed brother Sir Knight was taught, while living, that this sword, in his hands, as a true and courteous Knight, was endowed with three most estimable qualities: "Its hilt with *justice* impartial; its blade with *fortitude* undaunted, and its point with *mercy* unrestrained." To this lesson, with its deep, emblematical significance, we trust he gave wise heed. He could never grasp it without being reminded of the lively significance of the attributes it inculcated. He has borne the pangs of dissolving nature—may we trust that it was with the same *fortitude* that he sustained the trials of this passing existence; to his

name and memory be *justice* done, as we hope to receive the like meed ourselves; and may that *mercy* unrestrained, which is the glorious attribute of the Son of God, interpose in his behalf to admit him to the blessed companionship of saints and angels in the realms of light and life eternal.

Response. Amen and Amen!

[*Senior Warden steps forward and presents a cross to the Prelate.*]

Prelate. This symbol of faith—the Christian's hope and the Christian's trust—we again place on the breast of our brother, there to remain till the last trumpet shall sound, and earth and sea yield up their dead. Though it may, in the past history of our race, have been perverted, at times, into an ensign of oppression and crime, and wrong; though it may have been made the emblem of fraud, and superstition, and moral darkness, yet its significance still remains as the badge of a Christian warrior. It calls to mind Gethsemane and its sorrowful garden; the judgment-hall of Pilate and the pitiless crown of thorns; Golgotha and Calvary, and their untold agonies, that fallen man might live and inherit everlasting life. If an inspired apostle was not ashamed of the cross, neither should we be; if he gloried in the significance of the truths it shadowed forth, so ought we to rejoice in it as the speaking witness of our reliance beyond the grave. May this hope of the living have been the anchor to the soul of our departed brother—the token to admit him to that peaceful haven “where the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary are at rest.”

Response. Amen and Amen!

[*The Prelate then places the cross upon the coffin, and continues:*]

Prelate. The sword in our hands is a symbol of the duties we are vowed to fulfill and not an instrument of assault or defense. We claim to exercise practical virtues in the holy bonds of our confraternity, in humble imitation of those renowned knights of the olden time; for there is in this enlight-

ened age innocence to be guarded, widowed hearts to be relieved of their burdens, and orphanage to be protected from the chilly blasts of a wintry world; and to be true and courteous is not limited to any age or clime.

Our brother, whose cold and lifeless remains are about to be committed to the earth, was one of our fraternal band, bound by the same ties and pledged to the same duties. To his bereaved and mourning friends and relatives we have but little worldly consolation to offer, but we do tender them our heartfelt sympathies, and dare to say that He who tempers the wind to the shorn lamb looks down with infinite compassion upon the widow and the fatherless in their hour of desolation; and that the same benevolent Savior who wept tears of sympathy over the grave at Bethany, will enfold within the arms of His love and protection all those who put their trust and confidence in Him.

Response. Amen and Amen!

[The procession will now be formed in accordance with the tactics of the jurisdiction and proceed to the cemetery. During the time the Sir Knights and mourners are passing out and the coffin is being placed in the hearse, the audience remaining seated, the following chanted by the choir would be exceedingly appropriate:]

CHANT.

“Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them; while the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars be not darkened, nor the clouds return after the rain; in the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease, because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened, and the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and he shall rise up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of music shall be brought low; also, when they shall be afraid of that which is high, and fears

shall be in the way, and the almond-tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail; because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets; or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern. Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was, and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it." Eccl. 12: 1-7.

[After arriving at the grave, and the lines are formed and the mourners and friends have taken their places at the foot of the grave, with the Eminent Commander and Prelate at the head and the bearers on either side, the Junior Warden then removes the sword and hat from the coffin, which last will then be lowered into the grave. The Prelate repeats as follows:]

Prelate. "I am the resurrection and the life. He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." To the earth we commit the mortal remains of our deceased brother, as we have already commended his soul to his Creator, with humble submission to Divine Providence. (*Here cast some earth on the coffin.*) Earth to earth (*here cast again*), ashes to ashes (*here cast more earth*), dust to dust, till the morn of the resurrection; when, like our arisen and ascended Redeemer, he will break the bonds of death, and abide the judgment of the great day. Till then, friend, brother, Sir Knight, farewell! Light be the ashes upon thee, and "may the sunshine of heaven beam bright on thy waking!"

Response. Amen, and Amen and Amen!

Sir Knight Companions, let us pray:

Almighty and most merciful God! as it hath pleased Thee to take from our ranks one dear to our hearts, we beseech Thee to bless and sanctify unto us this dispensation of Thy providence. Inspire our hearts with wisdom from on high, that we may glorify Thee in all our ways. May we have Thy divine assistance, O most merciful God! to redeem our

misspent time; and in the discharge of the important duties Thou hast assigned us may we be guided by faith and humility, courage and constancy, to perform our allotted pilgrimage acceptably in Thy sight, without asking a remission of years from Thee. And when our career on earth is finished, and the sepulchre appointed for all the living receives our mortal bodies, may our souls, disengaged from their cumbrous dust, enjoy that rest which Thou hast prepared for Thy good and faithful servants in Thy blessed Asylum above.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

[Or the Lord's Prayer only may be used.]

Attention, SIR KNIGHTS!

BENEDICTION.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be and abide with us all evermore. Amen.

[The services being concluded, the Commandery is formed in column and marches to the entrance of the cemetery in silence, or at the tap of the drum.]

STATUTES

Grand Commandery of Illinois
Knights Templar

TOGETHER WITH

ACT OF INCORPORATION, FORMS AND
ADVISORY BY-LAWS
FOR SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES

AS REVISED AND ADOPTED AT
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STATUTES
OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY OF ILLINOIS
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GRAND COMMANDERY

Sec. 400. Official Title.—The title of this body is "The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois."

Sec. 401. Annual Conclave.—This Grand Commandery shall assemble in the city of Chicago on the fourth Tuesday in October of each year, for the election of officers, to hear official reports of the Officers and of the Subordinate Commanderies, and for the transaction of such business as the welfare of the Order may demand: *Provided*, however, that the Grand Commandery may meet in Annual Conclave at such time or place in the state of Illinois, as it may from time to time determine by a majority vote at the preceding Annual Conclave. (As amended: Proc. Gd. Commandery, 1901, pages 104, 105.)

The Grand Commandery shall be opened in ample form at the time appointed for each Conclave, immediately after which the proceedings of the last session shall be read, unless dispensed with, and at the resumption of business, at each successive sitting, the minutes shall in like manner be read.

While sitting in Annual Conclave the members shall be uniformed as follows: With Templar Coat, Fatigue Cap, and the appropriate insignia of rank. (For special Conclave see Sec. 61.)

Sec. 402. Represented by Proxy.—The Commander, Generalissimo, and Captain-General, for the time being, of all subordinate Commanderies under this jurisdiction, being unable

to attend the Grand Conclave in person, shall have the power to appoint a proxy over his own signature, who shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of his constituent, at such Grand Conclave.

Sec. 403. Certificate of Appointment—Such proxy must, at the time of his service, be a member of the same subordinate Commandery as his principal, and must produce a properly authenticated certificate of his appointment.

Sec. 404. Standing Committees.—The following standing Committees shall consist of three members of the Grand Commandery each, except the Committee on Jurisprudence which shall consist of five members, and the Committee on Correspondence of one member.

1. Committee on Jurisprudence.
2. Committee on Finance.
3. Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.
4. Committee on Templar Dead.
5. Committee on Correspondence.
6. Committee on Credentials.
7. Committee on Grand Commander's Address.
8. Committee on Charters and Dispensations.
9. Committee on Grievances and Offenses.
10. Committee on Printing.

The first five of the Committees above named shall be appointed by the Grand Commander immediately after his installation to act during the recess and at the succeeding Conclave. The next four shall be appointed by the Grand Commander prior to the succeeding annual Conclave. The Grand Commander, the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder shall be ex-officio a Committee on Printing.

Sec. 405. Duties of Standing Committees.—The standing Committees of the Grand Commandery shall perform and discharge the following specific duties, to-wit:

The Committee on Templar Jurisprudence shall examine all propositions to revise, alter or amend Templar laws, By-laws

and general regulations as well as all questions of Templar law and usage.

Sec. 406. It is the duty of the Committee on Finance carefully to examine all claims for allowances and propositions for appropriations presented to the Grand Commandery; to examine the accounts and reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder; to investigate, consider and make recommendations upon all matters referred to it affecting or relating to the finances of the Grand Commandery; to have general over-sight of all matters affecting such finances and to make such recommendations from time to time thereon as to such Committee shall seem appropriate and beneficial.

Sec. 407. The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem shall compute and report the amount of per diem and mileage due the several officers and members of the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, and recommend the drawing of warrants on the Grand Treasurer for the several sums due for mileage and per diem.

Sec. 408. The Committee on Templar Dead shall report the names of all Templars of this Grand Jurisdiction, also the names of Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers of other Grand Jurisdictions, deceased during the year, with appropriate memorials thereon.

Sec. 409. The Committee on Correspondence shall have charge of so much of the Grand Commander's Address as relates to matters of correspondence. The Committee shall review the printed proceedings of such other Grand Templar Bodies as may be transmitted to him and report the same to the Grand Commandery at the Annual Conclave.

Sec. 410. The Committee on Credentials shall report the name of each representative and proxy present, with the name and number of the Commandery he represents, together with the names of all Past Commanders, giving the names and number of their respective Commanderies, the names of all

Past Grand Commanders, and the names of all Grand Representatives in attendance.

Sec. 411. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Grand Commander's Address to recommend the reference of the various subjects embraced therein to the appropriate committee for its consideration.

Sec. 412. The Committee on Grievances and Offences shall critically examine all cases of complaint or grievance submitted to it, and report thereon to the Grand Commandery for its action.

Sec. 413. The Committee on Charters and Dispensations shall examine the reports and returns from the Commanderies, noting particularly the nature and progress of their work. It shall report upon all applications to the Grand Commandery for dispensations or charters, and for the restoration of dispensations or charters which may have been arrested. It shall also report on all matters referred to it relating to the general subject of charters and dispensations.

Sec. 414. The Committee on Printing shall supervise the printing of the Grand Commandery and let the same to responsible bidders.

The Grand Commandery may refer to such Committees all other matters it may deem proper and they shall make due report thereon.

Sec. 415. Who Paid Mileage and Per Diem.—Each Grand Officer, together with one Representative, the highest in rank of each Subordinate Commandery, together with each Past Grand Commander in actual attendance and residing within this Grand Jurisdiction, and the members of the several committees not otherwise compensated, shall be paid out of the funds of the Grand Treasury, two dollars for each day's attendance on the sessions of the Grand Commandery, and the further sum of three and one-half (3 1-2) cents for each and every mile traveled going to and returning from the Annual

Conclaves of this Grand Commandery; the distance to be computed by the nearest traveled route from the Commandery of which he is a member.—(As amended: Proc. Gd. Commandery, 1900, pp. 83, 84.)

No individual member of the Grand Commandery, representative or proxy shall receive more than one allowance of mileage and per diem.

Sec. 416. Revenue, Fees, and Dues.—The revenues of this Grand Commandery shall be derived from the following sources:

For every Dispensation to form and open a new Commandery, which shall be accounted in full for a Charter, if afterward granted.....	\$100 00
For every Companion created a Knight Templar in a Commandery in this jurisdiction.....	2 00
Each Commandery shall pay annually for each of its members, except those created during the year	75

Sec. 417. Proposed Appropriations.—All propositions to appropriate funds of this Grand Commandery must either emanate from or be referred to one of its committees.

Sec. 418. Commandery Dues Not Paid.—No Representative of a Commandery shall be entitled to mileage and per diem unless the dues of his Commandery were paid at least fifteen days before the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery.

Sec. 419. Prerogatives of Grand Commander.—The Grand Commander shall attend and preside over all Conclaves of the Grand Commandery.

Sec. 420. Summon Accounting Officers.—He may summon before him any Officer or Committee of this Grand Commandery, with their books and accounts, and audit and examine the same whenever he shall deem it necessary.

Sec. 421. Powers During Recess.—During the recess he exercises all the executive powers of the body, and he shall report his action, in full thereon, to the next Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery for its final action.

Sec. 422. Patent to Representatives.—He may issue patents to Representatives of this Grand Commandery near the East of other Grand Commanderies, naming therein the rank of Past Grand Generalissimo as that under which such Representative shall be received and recognized. *Provided*, that all such patents shall expire with the date of the Triennial session of the Grand Encampment following the date of said Patents.

Sec. 423. Attendance on Grand Encampment.—It is the duty of the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, and Grand Captain-General, either in person or by proxy, to attend all Conclaves of the Grand Encampment.

Sec 424. Succession by Seniority.—In the event of the absence, death or disability of the first four officers of this body, the Past Grand Commanders, in the order of seniority of service, shall assume the office and discharge the duties of Grand Commander.

Sec. 425. Grand Treasurer.—The Grand Treasurer shall keep accurate accounts of all receipts and expenditures passing through his hands, carefully number and file his vouchers, and annually (unless oftener required) make, in writing, a full statement of the same, together with the balance (if any) remaining in his hands, submitting at the same time his books and vouchers for the examination of the Grand Commandery, through its Committee on Finance. (Sec. 78.)

At the installation of his successor in office he shall deliver all books, papers, vouchers, and other property of the Grand Commandery, which may be in his custody to such successor.

Sec. 426. Grand Recorder.—The Grand Recorder shall attend all Conclaves of the Grand Commandery; he shall re-

cord the Proceedings of the Grand Commandery; and all Charters and Dispensations issued by its authority, in books kept for that purpose. (Secs. 79, 80, 81, 82, 83.)

He shall collect the revenue of this Grand Commandery, and pay the same promptly to the Grand Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor.

He shall receive and examine the returns of Subordinate Commanderies, and make settlements with their Representatives.

He shall at each Annual Conclave make a full report of his accounts, and also of the failure of any Subordinate Commandery to make returns or pay their dues; and also report any business left unfinished at the last Annual Conclave.

He shall keep the seal of the Grand Commandery, and affix it to all documents which may require it; he shall observe and execute such orders as may from time to time be issued to him by the Grand Commander, and deliver to his successor in office all the books and other property of the Grand Commandery in his possession.

He shall also furnish annually to each subordinate Commandery in this Jurisdiction four copies of the printed Proceedings of this Grand Commandery—one each for the use of the Eminent Commander, Generalissimo, and Captain-General, and the fourth bound in cloth, to be the property of the Commandery, with the name and number printed thereon.

He shall procure a jewel for each Past Grand Commander, with suitable devices and inscriptions.

Sec. 427. The Grand Recorder shall keep in books provided for that purpose, a copy of the Coats of Arms and Seals of each Commandery in Illinois.

(Form of Bond adopted Proc. 1910, p. 101.)

Sec. 428. Annual Compensation.—The Grand Recorder shall receive for his services Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars per annum, in quarterly payments.

Sec. 429. Other Grand Officers.—The remaining officers shall perform such duties as are traditionally appropriate to their several stations, or as may be assigned to them by the Grand Commander or the Grand Commandery.

Sec. 430. Chartered Commandery, Powers.—A chartered Commandery has power to decide for itself, who shall be admitted to its membership by admission or affiliation; to confer the Orders of Knighthood in accordance with the usages of the Order and the Regulations of this Grand Commandery; to exercise original jurisdiction in the trial and discipline of all its members (save the Commander) and all non-affiliated Sir Knights and members of Commanderies U.D. within its jurisdiction; to provide for its current and necessary expenses by an assessment upon its members, payable annually or otherwise, and in case of default in the amount needed to defray its necessary expenses, to impose a special tax for the purpose; to affiliate Knights created in other Commanderies; to grant dimits to its members, to be represented in the Grand Commandery, and to instruct its representatives therein; and generally, to transact its business and regulate its private affairs, due regard being had for the By-Laws and the Statutes of the Grand Commandery.

Sec. 431. Annual Election.—The first eight officers of a Commandery, together with five trustees, shall be elected annually at the first Stated Conclave in June, by depositing individual ballots for each, but said Trustees may be elected collectively. (As Amended: Proc. Gd. Commandery, 1900, p. 86.) Such officers so elected shall be installed at the same conclave or at some conclave within one month next succeeding their election.

Sec. 432. Have a Seal.—Every Commandery shall have a seal, giving the name and number thereof, an impression of which shall be deposited with the Grand Recorder.

Sec. 433. Coat of Arms.—Every Commandery in this Jurisdiction that has adopted a Coat of Arms, shall file a copy of the same with the Grand Recorder.

Sec. 434. Majority Vote Determine Assessment.—A majority vote at a Stated Conclave may determine the propriety of an assessment and the amount thereof. An assessment for social entertainment or for expenses incident to a pilgrimage, cannot be enforced against one not participating therein.

Sec. 435. When Minutes Become Records.—After the minutes of a Conclave have been read, corrected and approved they become records, and cannot be altered. Sec. 194.

Sec. 436. Territorial Jurisdiction Ascertained.—The jurisdiction of a Commandery extends to a point half way to the nearest Commandery in every direction in this Grand Jurisdiction. Provided that the Grand Commandery may extend concurrent jurisdiction to two or more Commanderies, over any definitely bounded territory, upon good cause being shown, and when it shall appear that the interests of the Order may thereby be advanced.

Sec. 437. Cities with Two or More.—Two or more Commanderies in the same town or city have concurrent jurisdiction.

By concurrent jurisdiction is meant that the territorial jurisdiction exercised by one Commandery is the common property of all, and the jurisdiction of all extends half way from the Commandery nearest the extreme limit of the city or town to the nearest Commandery outside said jurisdiction. And any one of these Commanderies may receive the petition of any duly qualified Royal Arch Mason within said jurisdiction, and act thereon, but waiver of jurisdiction must be obtained from all the Commanderies holding concurrent jurisdiction. (As amended: Proc. Gd. Commandery, 1899, p. 90.)

Sec. 438. Waiver, How Granted.—Waiver of personal or territorial jurisdiction by a Commandery over its material or over a rejected candidate, can only be granted by a unanimous secret ballot, upon application of another Commandery, which application shall be presented at a stated Conclave and lie over until the next Conclave before action thereon.

Sec. 439. Communications in Envelopes.—All communications between a Commandery and its members, or other official correspondence, shall be enclosed in envelopes. Postal cards may be used only for the purpose of notifying members of stated or special Conclaves.

Sec. 440. Public Exhibitions, Templar Drill.—Public exhibitions of Templar Drill for gate money or competitive drilling with bodies of men not Knights Templar, by Commanderies in this jurisdiction, are absolutely prohibited.

Sec. 441. Inside Organization.—The formation of any separate organization, whether incorporated or otherwise, within the membership of any Subordinate Commandery of this jurisdiction, is prohibited.

Sec. 442. By-Laws, Approval.—The Subordinate Commanderies for this Grand Jurisdiction, shall adopt By-Laws for their own government, not inconsistent with the Statutes and Regulations of this Grand Commandery, and the Constitution and Code of Statutes of the Grand Encampment of the United States, subject, however, to approval as provided by Section 125 Grand Encampment Statutes.

Sec. 443. Changing Place of Meeting.—No chartered Commandery shall remove its place of meeting from the city, town or village named in its charter, unless authorized so to do by this Grand Commandery, and no Commandery under dispensation shall make such removal except by special permission from the Grand Commander. (Sec. 159.)

No such authority for removal shall be granted except upon a written petition concurred in by a majority vote of the members present at a Stated Conclave; of which Conclave, and the proposition for removal, all resident members shall have previous notice, and such removal shall be consented to by the Commandery or Commanderies whose jurisdiction may be affected thereby.

Sec. 444. Returns From Commanderies.—Every Commandery under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery

shall make out and return to the Grand Recorder, a statement showing all the work done—admissions, dismissions, deaths, expulsions, suspensions, reinstatements, etc., from the first day of June to the thirty-first day of May inclusive.

Said report shall be made out and forwarded with the amount of Grand Commandery dues to the Grand Recorder not later than fifteen days before the time set for the Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery.

Sec. 445. Preside at Meetings.—It is the duty of the Commander to preside at all meetings of the Commandery, and he is responsible for the proper conduct of its affairs.

Sec. 446. Returns.—The Commander shall see that returns of election of officers are made to the Grand Commander, the Grand Recorder, and the Grand Officer in charge of the district in which said Commandery may be located.

Sec. 447. Absent or Disabled.—In the event of the absence, death, or disability of the first three officers of the Commandery, the Past Commanders, in order of seniority of service, shall assume the office and discharge the duties of Commander.

Sec. 448. Other Officers.—The duties of the remaining officers are such as are traditionally appropriate to their several stations, or as may be more specifically set forth in regulations to that effect.

Sec. 449. Officers' Bonds.—A Commandery may provide by resolution that the Treasurer and Recorder shall give bonds for the faithful performance of their duties.

Sec. 450. Commandery Correspondence.—It shall be the duty of the Recorder to present to the Commandery at the first stated Conclave next following, all communications that may come into his hands, addressed to the Commandery.

Sec. 451. Grand Commander Orders Read.—The orders of the Right Eminent Grand Commander shall be read by the

Recorder, under the direction of the Eminent Commander, the lines being properly formed for that purpose.

Sec. 452. Cities With Two Commanderies.—In any city where there is more than one Commandery, it shall be the duty of the Recorder of each Commandery to give notice in writing to all other Commanderies, situated in such city, of the reception of all petitions for Orders, before ballot thereon, stating the name, occupation, and place of residence of the petitioner.

Sec. 453. Newspaper Notices.—Notice of Conclaves published in newspapers or given by postal card shall not recite the Orders to be conferred, but shall simply and only note business or work.

Sec. 454. Sunday Conclave.—No Commandery in this jurisdiction shall be permitted to hold a conclave on Sunday, except for the purpose of attending funerals or divine worship.

Sec. 455. Knightly Emblems for Business.—All Sir Knights are forbidden the use of the fac-similes of Banners, Crests, name or number of Commanderies, or other emblems of Masonic Knighthood, for business purposes.

Sec. 456. The wearing of jewels, coat of arms, badges of any body of Masons, or of any other bodies other than the Commandery to which any Sir Knight belongs, is prohibited in any public display of the Order.

Sec. 457. New Commanderies.—A dispensation shall not be granted for any new Commandery, unless there are two or more Royal Arch Chapters in the proposed Jurisdiction, nor unless the three officers named in the Dispensation shall be qualified to confer the Orders.

Sec. 458. Consent Required.—But no Dispensation shall be issued without the consent of all Commanderies whose jurisdiction shall be thereby curtailed, and if the new Commandery is to be stationed in a city where there is more than one

Commandery, all of those located in such city must recommend the petition. (Secs. 72, 73.)

Sec. 459. Application for Consent.—All applications for recommendations for dispensations to form new Commanderies, shall be received at a Stated Conclave, made a matter of record, and lie over until the next Stated Conclave, and all resident members of Commanderies interested must be notified of such proposed action.

Sec. 460. Recommendation Unconditional.—The Grand Commandery will not recognize any agreement between a chartered Commandery and a proposed Commandery as to division of territory. The recommendation to form a new Commandery must be unconditional.

Sec. 461. Names in Charter.—No names shall be inserted, as members, in the Charter of a new Commandery, except the names of petitioners and those receiving the Orders therein.

Sec. 462. The officers of a Commandery U.D. cannot be elected or installed, and it cannot be represented in the Grand Commandery: neither can it discipline its members, admit members by affiliation, nor adopt by-laws.

Sec. 463. Naming After Living Person.—No Commandery hereafter chartered shall be named after a living person.

Sec. 464. Read in Commandery.—All petitions for the Orders of Knighthood shall be presented and read in open Commandery, at the Stated Conclave when they are received, and the statement of facts contained in the petition shall be entered in the records of the Commandery.

Sec. 465. Ballot on Each Petition.—A separate ballot shall be taken on each petition for the Orders. At the Conclave when ballot is taken, the petition shall be again read in open Commandery, prior to the spreading of the ballot. Should a petition for the Orders be lost or destroyed after its reception by the Commandery, no ballot shall be had on such petition, until a duplicate petition, duly signed by the petitioner,

is obtained; but such duplicate petition need not lie over for final action beyond the requisite time following reception of original petition.

Sec. 466. A petitioner for the Orders, if rejected, shall not be entitled to any information save that he is rejected; and any Sir Knight who shall communicate to him any information, as to who were present, or who advocated or opposed his admission, shall be subject to charges and upon conviction may be expelled from the Order.

Sec. 467. Fees for Orders, Who Eligible.—No Commandery shall confer the Orders of Knighthood for a less sum than forty dollars, *and no Commandery located in the City of Chicago, for a less sum than seventy-five dollars.*

Sec. 468. No candidate may sign the By-Laws or become a member of the Commandery who has not lawfully received the Orders of the Red Cross, Knight Templar and Knight of Malta.

Sec. 469. Red Cross.—No Commandery in this Jurisdiction while conferring the Order of the Red Cross, shall permit the journey to be performed by more than one candidate at one and the same time.

Sec. 470. Petition Rejected, Renewal.—Any unaffiliated Knight Templar who has petitioned for membership, and whose petition has been rejected, may renew the said petition to the same or any other Commandery at any subsequent Stated Conclave.

Sec. 471. Discipline.—Offenses Against the Order.—Violation of the laws of God, the laws of the land, the laws of morality, willful violation of the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery, or the By-Laws of the Commandery are offenses against this Order, and subject the offender, after due trial according to the forms provided by the Grand Encampment, which are hereby declared mandatory, to such punishment as the degree of his offense may warrant.

Sec. 472. Non-Payment of Dues, Trial.—The formalities of written charges may be dispensed with, and proceedings as described herewith shall be deemed due notice and fair trial for the offense of non-payment of dues. Any Sir Knight who may be in arrears to a Commandery, according to the provision of its By-Laws, shall be notified thereof, in writing, by the Recorder, with a request for the payment of the same, at or before some subsequent Conclave of the Commandery; and if said Sir Knight neglect or refuse to make answer to such notice, at or before the time designated therein, he shall be notified in person, if possible, to appear at such subsequent Stated Conclave as may be deemed proper, and show cause why he should not be suspended for non-payment of dues. If his whereabouts be unknown, a written notice shall be addressed to him at his last known place of residence. This shall be deemed due notice, and the Commandery may proceed without his presence. When any Sir Knight shall refuse or neglect to answer the notices prescribed above, his delinquency may be communicated to the Commandery at any Stated Conclave thereof, which facts, together with the Commandery records showing his indebtedness, shall be deemed ample proof of the delinquency. If the Sir Knight be present, he shall be entitled to such pleas as he may deem proper, after which he shall retire, and upon such evidence a vote may be taken upon a motion to suspend the delinquent member indefinitely. A vote of the majority of the members present at a Stated Conclave shall be necessary to fix such penalty. This shall be deemed fair trial. No dues shall accrue against a Sir Knight during the term of his suspension, either from Lodge, Chapter, or Commandery.

Sec. 473. Remission of Dues, When.—The Commandery has the right to remit the accrued dues of any worthy member, when his means will not permit him to contribute to its support.

Sec. 474. Commandery Inspection Districts.—The Subordinate Commanderies comprising the Grand Jurisdiction of the

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of Illinois
are hereby divided into eight permanent districts, to-wit:

FIRST DISTRICT.

Apollo No. 1, stationed at Chicago.
Chicago No. 19, stationed at Chicago.
St. Bernard No. 35, stationed at Chicago.
Chevalier Bayard No. 52, stationed at Chicago.
Montjoie No. 53, stationed at Chicago.
Englewood No. 59, stationed at Chicago.
Calumet No. 62, stationed at Chicago.
Columbia No. 63, stationed at Chicago.
Lincoln Park No. 64, stationed at Chicago.
Mizpah Commandery No. 73, stationed at Chicago.
Woodlawn No. 76, stationed at Chicago.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Waukegan No. 12, stationed at Waukegan.
Sycamore No. 15, stationed at Sycamore.
Crusader No. 17, stationed at Rockford.
Aurora No. 22, stationed at Aurora.
Calvary No. 25, stationed at Woodstock.
Bethel No. 36, stationed at Elgin.
Siloam No. 54, stationed at Oak Park.
Evanston No. 58, stationed at Evanston.
St. Elmo No. 65, stationed at Chicago.
Illinois No. 72, stationed at Chicago.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Freeport No. 7, stationed at Freeport.
Galesburg No. 8, stationed at Galesburg.
Temple No. 20, stationed at Princeton.
Dixon No. 21, stationed at Dixon.
Bethany No. 28, stationed at Mendota.
Galena No. 40, stationed at Galena.

Sterling No. 57, stationed at Sterling.
Long No. 60, stationed at Mt. Carroll.
Kewanee No. 71, stationed at Kewanee.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Peoria No. 3, stationed at Peoria.
Joliet No. 4, stationed at Joliet.
Blaney No. 5, stationed at Morris.
Ottawa No. 10, stationed at Ottawa.
Rock Island No. 18, stationed at Rock Island.
St. John No. 26, stationed at Peru.
St. Paul No. 34, stationed at Fairbury.
Coeur de Leon No. 43, stationed at El Paso.
Streator No. 70, stationed at Streator.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

Beaumanoir No. 9, stationed at Decatur.
Urbana No. 16, stationed at Urbana.
Ivanhoe No. 33, stationed at Kankakee.
Melita No. 37, stationed at Tuscola.
Mt. Olivet No. 38, stationed at Paxton.
Athelstan No. 45, stationed at Danville.
Clinton No. 66, stationed at Clinton.
Mary No. 67, stationed at Watseka.
Champaign No. 68, stationed at Champaign.
Gil. W. Barnard No. 74, stationed at Sullivan.

SIXTH DISTRICT.

Elwood No. 6, stationed at Springfield.
DeMolay No. 24, stationed at Bloomington.
Hospitaler No. 31, stationed at Jacksonville.
Mt. Pulaski No. 39, stationed at Mt. Pulaski.
Damascus No. 42, stationed at Havana.
St. Aldemar No. 47, stationed at Petersburg.
Constantine No. 51, stationed at Lincoln.
Rushville No. 56, stationed at Rushville.

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

Belvidere No. 2, stationed at Alton.
Hugh de Payens No. 29, stationed at Carrollton.
Almoner No. 32, stationed at Augusta.
Delta No. 48, stationed at Clayton.
Ascalon No. 49, stationed at Pittsfield.
Macomb No. 61, stationed at Macomb.
Quincy No. 77, stationed at Quincy.
Inglevere No. 75, stationed at Carthage.

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

Cairo No. 13, stationed at Cairo.
Gorin No. 14, stationed at Olney.
Cyrene No. 23, stationed at Centralia.
Palestine No. 27, stationed at Paris.
St. Omer No. 30, stationed at Litchfield.
Gethsemane No. 41, stationed at Metropolis.
Godfrey de Bouillon No. 44, stationed at Mattoon.
Tancred No. 50, stationed at Belleville.
Patton No. 69, stationed at Mt. Vernon.

Sec. 475. Assigning Inspection Officers.—At or immediately after the close of each Annual Conclave, it shall be the duty of the Grand Commandery to assign to each district, by General Orders, one of the following Grand Officers: The Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain-General, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Sword Bearer, and Grand Warder, and it shall be the duty of the officer so assigned to inspect the Commanderies in his district not later than June 30 of each year, directing the correction of any omission or errors that may be found to exist, and give such advice and instruction as may appear judicious.

Sec. 476. Make Separate Reports.—Immediately after the official visit to, and inspection of each Commandery, separate report shall be made of its condition, solely for the informa-

tion of the Grand Commander, to enable him to correct any irregularities that may exist, to the end of promoting the general welfare and best interests of the Order; and said reports shall not be incorporated in the printed Proceedings of the Grand Commandery.

Sec. 477. New Commanderies Assigned.—In the event of the issuance of a Dispensation by the Grand Commander, he shall assign some one of the above named Grand Officers to inspect the Commandery, U.D., and should a charter be granted, he shall assign the Commandery to the permanent district most convenient to its location.

STANDARD UNIFORM.

Sec. 478. Knight Templar.—The following is the prescribed standard uniform of a Knight Templar, and no Companion of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross shall be eligible to receive the Order of the Temple until he has provided himself with a full uniform as is prescribed by this standard. (Sec. 304.)

FULL DRESS.

(1) Black regulation coat, black trousers, black boots or black high-cut shoes, white standing shirt collar, black necktie, sword, belt, baldric, chapeau, gloves, and shoulder straps.

FULL DRESS COAT.

(2) **Officers of the Grand Commandery, Commanders, and Past Commanders**—Shall wear a double-breasted frock coat of black cloth, with a standing collar not less than one inch nor more than one and one-half inches in height, to hook in front at the seam and slope thence up and backward slightly, corners square, collar lined with black velvet; the skirts to extend from two-thirds to three-fourths the distance from the hipjoint to the bend of the knee and to be finished with side edges that shall extend two-thirds the length of the skirt;

there shall be two rows of black uncut velvet ball buttons on the front, eleven in each row, equal in distance one from the other. The distance between the rows shall be five and one-half inches at the top and four inches at the bottom, the line of buttons slightly curved, making a distance of about seven inches between the rows at the breast; four buttons on the back and skirt of coat (two at the hip and one at the lower edge of each side edge.) The sleeves to be finished with cuffs (not simulated stitching) three and one-half inches deep and three small black uncut velvet ball buttons at the under seam and with an appropriate cross in the center of the front of the cuff, measured from top to bottom and from side to side. The edges plain, the lining black throughout the body and with white in the sleeves.

FOR OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY.

(3) A Templar cross of red silk velvet bordered with a single row of No. 26 gilt or gold bullion embroidery three-sixteenths of an inch wide, with one red stone set at the intersection of the points of said cross in the center, the outside measurements of said cross, including the embroidery, to be one and one-half inches square.

(4) **For Past Grand Commanders.**—The same as Grand Officers, except the field of the crosses shall be purple velvet and the stone set shall be purple.

(5) **For Eminent Commanders and Past Commanders.**—A Passion Cross of red silk velvet, embroidered on each edge with one row of No. 26 gilt or gold bullion embroidery three-sixteenths of an inch wide, with rays between the arms of the cross, alternately in No. 26 and No. 27 gilt or gold bullion embroidery in solid pattern; said cross to be, including embroidery, two inches high; cross arms to be one and one-third inches long; center of the cross between the edges of embroidery to be three-sixteenths of an inch wide.

(6) **For Officers and Sir Knights.**—Below the rank of Commander the same as Commander, *except* the coat shall be

single breasted, with eleven buttons on the front; no ornaments. The cuff shall be the same as that above described, *except* the cross thereon shall be of red silk velvet of the same dimensions as that prescribed for Commanders and Past Commanders.

TROUSERS.

(7) To be black broadcloth or doeskin, without side stripes or ornamentation of any kind whatever.

SWORD.

(8) To be 34 to 40 inches long, inclusive of scabbard; helmet head; straight cross guard and metal scabbard; with cross of proper grade one inch in height.

(9) **For Grand Officers.**—A sword with gold plated scabbard; suspended by three metal rings, two at the uppermount, and one at the middle mount; a straight cross guard; a helmet head; a white ivory handle etched in black in front with the monogram of the owner, and on the opposite side with a Templar Cross.

(10) **For Commanders and Past Commanders.**—The same, *except* the passion cross with rays in place of the Templar cross.

(11) **For Officers and Sir Knights.**—Below the rank of Commander: A white metal scabbard, suspended by three white metal rings, two at the upper mount and one at the middle mount; a straight cross guard; a helmet head; a black handle ornamented with white metal passion cross one inch in height, inlaid flush.

There shall be no chain from pommel to cross guard upon any sword of either officers or Sir Knights.

A blade not to exceed nineteen millimeters (about three-fourths of an inch) in width with a scabbard of only sufficient width to properly sheath it.

BELT.

(12) **For Sir Knights and Officers.**—Under the rank of Eminent Commander: To be of black enamel leather, one and three-fourths inches wide, mounted with a lace woven of silver wire and black silk one and five-eighths inches wide with colors in parallel stripes, four of silver and three of black; the black stripes to be of equal width and the silver stripes to be five thirty-seconds of an inch wide. The belt clasped with silver-plated belt plate of pattern hereinafter described, and to have three slings of black enameled leather on which to hang sword each seven-eighths of an inch wide, two short and one long, upon which shall be mounted a lace of the same material as that of the belt, three-fourths of an inch wide, consisting of two stripes of silver each five thirty-seconds of an inch wide, and one of black.

The slings to be suspended by silver-plated clasps from a leather strap fastened to the inside of the belt; each sling to have lengthening buckles and heavy silver-plated swivels at the lower ends. On the second sling at the lower edge of the belt to be placed a silver-plated rigid sword hook.

The belt plate to be two by three inches, rectangular, of hard metal with one-eighth inch polished, raised, beveled edge, and without ornamentation except face stippled in vermicelli pattern, full finished. Passion cross of blood-red hard enamel seven-eighths of an inch by one and one-quarter inches in the center. The words "*In Hoc Signo Vincas*" in black letters in relief with polished face, to be displayed in a semi-circle over the cross. The plate to be attached to the belt with the French fastener, the return end of belt to be held in place by a sliding loop of black enameled leather one-half inch in width mounted with one strip of silver wire lace one-quarter of an inch wide.

(13) **For Commanders and Past Commanders.**—Same as above, except that all mountings shall be gold plated and gold wire substituted for silver in the lace.

(14) **For Grand Officers.**—Same as for Commanders and Past Commanders, except a Templar cross in blood-red hard enamel one and one-quarter inches square, in place of passion cross.

BALDRIC.

(15) Worn only by Officers and Sir Knights below the rank of Captain-General: Body of baldric to be four inches in width, the center of white *moire* antique silk, bordered on each side with black silk velvet one inch in width; over the seam where the velvet joins the silk to be a strip of silver-plated wire lace, three lignes in width (about one-fourth of an inch) of vellum pattern (No. 1962). On the center and front of the baldric a silver-plated struck-up star three and three-fourths inches in diameter with nine beveled points faced with burnished rays; a raised center with passion cross without rays thereon, the center of which shall be filled with red silk velvet, the cross to be surrounded by a double circle, between the lines of which shall be the motto "*In Hoc Signo Vinces.*" To be lined with green *moire* silk throughout its entire width and length; the baldric to be closed so that the point of intersection shall be six inches from the ends. The shoulder seam on the outside of the baldric is to be covered on the white *moire* silk only with a piece of silver-plated wire lace nine lignes wide, of double edged pattern No. 2035. The baldric is to be worn from the right shoulder to the left hip.

The wearing of a baldric in the asylum of a Commandery shall be left to the option of each subordinate Commandery in this Grand Jurisdiction, unless otherwise ordered by the Right Eminent Grand Commander.

CHAPEAU.

(16) **For Sir Knights.**—A military chapeau, trimmed with black silk velvet binding and with two black and one white ostrich plume, the white plume uppermost. Front and rear peaks of chapeau to extend four and one-fourth inches from the head; side of chapeau to be beveled, being one inch smaller

at the top than at the head, and closed in front with a bow of black silk velvet ribbon. On the left side a black satin rosette, oval in shape, five inches in height by four inches in width, composed of not less than thirty-three points, in single fold, and four rows of quilling one-fourth of an inch in width, on which is laid a red silk velvet Passion Cross three inches high by two inches wide.

(17) **For Commanders and Past Commanders.**—The same, *except* the Passion Cross shall be bordered with No. 26 gilt or gold bullion embroidery one-fourth of an inch wide, leaving the velvet exposed in the center to the width of three-eighths of an inch; said cross to have at the points of intersection alternate rays of No. 26 and No. 27 gilt or gold bullion embroidery in solid pattern.

(18) **For Grand Officers.**—Excepting the Grand Commander, the same, *except* diagonally across the peaks, both front and back, a band of gold-plated wire lace fifteen lignes wide, of vellum pattern (No. 1962); in front, a gilt or gold-plated tassel, half round in shape, with bright bullions and dull head. On the rosette a Templar cross of red silk velvet, bordered with a single row of No. 26 gilt or gold bullion embroidery one-fourth of an inch in width; in the center, at the point of intersection, one red stone set. Said cross to be two and one-half inches square, including embroidery.

(19) **For Grand Commander.**—The same, *except* diagonally across the peaks, both front and back, a band of black velvet one and one-half inches wide, on which shall be embroidered a pattern of laurel leaves, and berries on the stem, the leaves of No. 26 gilt or gold bullion, the stem and berries of No. 26 and No. 27 gilt or gold bullion twisted in alternate strands; the band edged with a rope pattern of embroidery three thirty-seconds of an inch wide, done in No. 27 and 26 gilt or gold bullion, in the ratio of three to one strands, respectively.

(20) **For Past Grand Commanders.**—The same as for Grand Commander, *except* the field of the cross shall be purple velvet and the stone set shall be purple.

GLOVES.

(21) The gloves of Sir Knights to be of buff lisle thread; for officers, Grand Officers and Past Grand Commanders, to be of buff kid.

EMBLEMS.

(22) Any officer of the Commandery under the rank of Captain-General, is entitled to wear an embroidery in silver on both sleeves, between the elbow and shoulder, of their full dress uniforms, designating the office they respectively bear. Said embroidery to be two inches square. The cloth upon which designation is embroidered shall be neatly stitched upon the right and left sleeves of the coat above the elbow one-third of the distance to the shoulder, in such position as to show squarely to the right and left of the wearer when standing at position of attention.

(23) The emblems of the various offices are as follows, to-wit:

Prelate.—Three equilateral triangles, one inch on each side, placed in triangular position, so their apexes meet at the center; the base of one triangle to be up, and the two lower triangles to be so placed that one of their sides form a prolongation for the upper triangle and one of their other sides forms a parallel line in prolongation one with the other.

Senior Warden.—A hollow square, two inches on each side, of No. 26 silver-plated bullion embroidery, three-sixteenths of an inch wide; within this square a single cross-hilted Templar sword, with pommel in lower left hand corner and point in upper right hand corner of said hollow square.

Junior Warden.—A spread eagle, with breast square to the front, holding in its talons a flaming sword, with straight cross hilt point to the right.

Treasurer.—A sword and key crossed, the sword being uppermost and having its hilt in the upper left hand corner, its point in the lower right hand corner; the key placed under-

neath at right angles, the ward being in the lower left hand corner, turned to the right.

Recorder.—A sword and pen crossed, sword being uppermost, hilt in the upper left hand corner, point in the lower right hand corner; pen of quill pattern, with under or longest side of feather turned to the right, point resting in lower left hand corner.

Standard Bearer.—An equilateral triangle in outline, the sides of which are three-sixteenths of an inch wide, on which is laid a banner supported by nine rings from a cross-bar, the bottom tripartite and the center containing a passion cross embroidered in red silk; the banner to be one and one-eighth inches wide and one and three-eighths inches long exclusive of rings; the passion cross to be three-quarters of an inch long.

Sword Bearer.—An equilateral triangle in outline, three-sixteenths of an inch wide; on it laid two crossed swords, with straight blades and cross hilts; the sword to the right being uppermost, the points down, the points extending one-fourth of an inch below the triangle, and the cross hilts extending five-eighths of an inch beyond the sides of the triangle.

Warder.—Two crossed swords with straight blades and cross hilts, the one to the right being uppermost; the points down; underneath the two swords at the point of intersection with mouth to the left, a trumpet of straight design like a speaking trumpet.

Sentinel.—A sword and battle-ax crossed, the sword uppermost, the hilt of the sword in the upper left hand corner, the point in the lower right hand corner; the blade of the battle-ax in the upper right hand corner and turned inward.

CLOAK.

(24) Cloak for all officers and Sir Knights shall be of black beaver, kersey, or melton, cut three-quarters full, and extending to the tips of the fingers in natural position; box

collar, one and one-fourth inches stand and two inches fall at back of neck, increasing to two and one-half inches at end of collar; to fasten in front with a hook and eye at end of collar, and closing over breast with four black prunelle buttons, size 28, covered by a fly; the corners of collar and cloak to be cut square, edges to be finished plain or stitched raw.

Officers to have the insignia of their rank, either in metal or embroidery, on the ends of the collar; said designs to be three-fourths of an inch in height. The linings shall be, for members of the Grand Encampment, purple; for officers of the Grand Commandery and Past Commanders of subordinate Commanderies, red; for officers and Sir Knights of subordinate Commanderies, black.

(25) **Crosses.**—Appropriate crosses will be worn on the left breast, the top of the cross on a level with the arm pit, the right edge of the cross four inches from the edge of the cloak, viz.: For the Grand Master, the Cross of Salem in purple velvet, four inches in height; for officers of the Grand Encampment and Past Grand Commanders of Grand Commandery, the Patriarchial Cross, in purple velvet, four inches in height; for officers of the Grand Commandery and Past Commanders of subordinate Commanderies, the Templar Cross, in red velvet, four inches square; for officers and Sir Knights of subordinate Commanderies, the Passion Cross, in red velvet, four inches in height. The collars for the members of the Grand Encampment will be of black velvet.

FATIGUE DRESS.

(26) Sack coat, black cloth cap, with appropriate cross or monogram in front, white gloves, sword, and belt.

COAT.

(27) For use in council chamber, asylum, drill purposes, and more particularly for warm weather, the coat may be made of lighter material and is designated as an undress coat.

A—For Sir Knights.—A single-breasted sack coat of black serge cloth or undressed worsted; standing collar from $1\frac{1}{4}$ to $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches in height fastened with two hooks and eyes; coat to close with seven twenty-four line hard buttons with an open fly; slit not exceeding three inches for hooking up sword; the skirt to extend from one-third to one-half the distance from the point of the hip to the bend of the knee; a vertical opening on each side of the hip, extending upwards six inches from the bottom. The coat to be trimmed with lustrous black mohair braid $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches wide laid on flat, as follows: Edged all around the bottom, the front edges, the collar and for six inches upward from the bottom along both side openings of the skirt. On the collar the braid may be from $1\frac{1}{4}$ to $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches in width according to the height of the wearer. The sleeves to be ornamented with an Austrian knot, single loop, of black mohair tubular braid $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch in width; the braid to pass around the sleeve simulating a cuff $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches deep; top of the knot to be $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches from the end of the sleeve. A Passion Cross of black velvet $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches in height on the center of the cuff. The name or monogram of the Commandery may be placed on the right side of the collar, and its location on the left; to be embroidered in gold bullion, or made of gold or gilt metal. Embroidery to be about one inch from ends of the collar.

B—For Commanders and Past Commanders.—The same, except the Passion Cross shall be bordered with a single row of No. 26 gold bullion embroidery $\frac{1}{8}$ of an inch in width.

C—For Grand Officers.—Same, except a black velvet Templar Cross $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches square, bordered with a single row of No. 26 gold bullion embroidery $\frac{1}{8}$ of an inch wide.

D—For Past Grand Commanders.—Same, except the Templar Cross shall be surmounted by a star of five points, embroidered in purple silk, the fifth point up. A rolling collar is permitted for Past Grand Commanders when desired.

Pockets.—There will be no pockets on outside of coat. Grand Officers, Commanders, Past Commanders, Generalis-

simos, and Captain Generals of subordinate Commanderies will wear shoulder straps.

CAPS.

(28) Of black cloth, with soft crown, the diameter at the top slightly less than at the base, the height from three to three and one-fourth inches all around; the seam around the top without a welt; and neatly stitched on each side; the band one inch wide with welts projecting one-eighth of an inch at the top and bottom, the bottom welt one-eighth of an inch above the base of the cap; with drop visor of black enamel leather, dark green leather lining, to be of United States army pattern, with cap cord resting on the visor at top, secured at both ends by small regulation buttons, one on each side; on front of cap the appropriate cross or monogram. (As amended: Proc. Gd. Commandery, 1902, pp. 92, 93.)

Cap cords for officers below the rank of Eminent Commander and all Sir Knights, to be double looped of one and one-half lignes silver-plated wire cord.

For Commanders and Past Commanders.—A double looped one and one-half lignes gilt or gold wire cord.

For Grand Officers.—No. 18 gilt or gold United States Army regulation cap cord.

CROSS.

(29) For officers below the rank of Captain General, and all Sir Knights to be a Passion Cross of red silk velvet one and three-fourths inches high; for Generalissimo and Captain-General the same, *except* the cross shall be bordered with one row of No. 26 silver-plated bullion three-sixteenths of an inch in width. For Commanders and Past Commanders the Passion Cross of red silk velvet two inches high bordered with one row of No. 26 gilt or gold bullion embroidery three-sixteenths of an inch wide, the velvet to show in the cross to the width of three-sixteenths of an inch and to have at the

points of intersection alternate rays of No. 26 and No. 27 gilt or gold bullion embroidery in solid pattern.

For Grand Officers.—A Templar Cross of red silk velvet, bordered with one row of No. 26 gilt or gold bullion embroidery, three-sixteenths of an inch in width; at the points of intersection one red stone set; the cross to be, including the embroidery, one and one-half inches square.

For Past Grand Commanders.—The same as for Grand Officers, *except* the field of the cross shall be of purple velvet and the stone set shall be purple.

For Officers.—Below the rank of Captain-General, and all Sir Knights, a band of black silk velours filling the space between the welts.

For Generalissimo and Captain-General.—A band of black silk velours trimmed on each edge with one row of three-ligne silver-plated wire lace vellum pattern No. 1962.

For Grand Officers, Commanders and Past Commanders.—A band of gilt or gold wire lace, twelve lignes wide, vellum pattern (No. 1962) filling the space between the welts.

For Grand Commander and Past Grand Commander.—A band of black silk velvet one and one-fourth inches wide, on which shall be embroidered a laurel wreath of leaves and berries on the stem; the leaves of No. 26 gilt or gold bullion, the stem and berries of No. 26 and No. 27 gilt or gold bullion twisted in alternate strands; the band edged with a rope pattern of embroidery three thirty-seconds of an inch wide, done in No. 26 and No. 27 gilt or gold bullion in the ratio of three to one strands, respectively; the welts to be of sufficient distance apart to accommodate this band.

The side buttons for Grand Officers, Past Grand Commanders, Eminent Commanders, and Past Commanders, to be of gilt metal, with cross and crown and the motto, "*In Hoc Signo Vincas*," for other Sir Knights of white metal with same emblem.

When any Commandery so adopts, the initials of the Commandery as a monogram may be substituted for the cross.

Nothing should be placed upon the front of the cap except the initials of the Commandery or the appropriate cross; coat of arms thereon not permitted.

GLOVES.

(30) White lisle thread.

SHIRT COLLAR.

(31) To be of white linen, closed in front, and sufficiently high to show above the coat collar.

CROSSES.

(32) Sir Knights, Commanders, and Past Commanders, of Subordinate Commanderies will wear the Passion Cross.

Grand Officers and Past Commanders the Templar Cross.

The various crosses, as designated, to be worn on the side of the chapeau, and on the scabbard of the sword. Those on the chapeau to be three inches in height; on the sword, one inch.

PRELATE'S UNIFORM.

(33) The uniform of the Prelate is the same as the other officers of the line. The robes for council and asylums should not be deviated from and *must not* be worn in any public display of the Order.

UNIFORM MUST BE WORN.

(34) No member shall be admitted to a conclave of his Commandery unless in uniform, which must consist of at least, belt, sword, and fatigue cap, unless excused by vote of his Commandery, or by his Commander. Visiting Sir Knights may be admitted without uniform.

CHART.

(35) The illustrated chart approved by the Grand Commandery is declared to correctly delineate and define such parts of the standard uniform as are thereon shown, and said chart shall govern in detail and be construed with and as a part of these statutes.

PRELATE'S ROBES.

(36) Note: The Prelate's Robe is an "insignia of office" under the exclusive control of the Grand Encampment, and its designation has not been relegated to the Grand Commanderies.

The following is the description of the Prelate's Robe as prescribed by the Grand Encampment of 1862:

"A full white linen or muslin robe, open behind, reaching down within six inches of the feet, fastened around the neck below the cravat, which should be of white, and having flowing sleeves reaching to the middle of the hand. A white woolen cloak, lined with white, fastened around the neck, and extending down to the bottom of the robe; on the left front, a red velvet Templar Cross, six inches in width. A blue silk stole, reaching down in front to within six inches of the bottom of the robe, and having on it three Templar Crosses of red silk. Mitre of white merino, bordered with gold, lined with green, having the red Templar Cross extended to the edges, and surmounted by a Passion Cross three inches high. The special badge of this office is a Crozier."—(Proc. Gd. Commandery, 1903, p. 53.)

RED CROSS ROBES.

(37) There shall be worn in the Jewish Council Chamber a High Priest's robe, and nine or more members' robes.

(a) **The High Priest's Robe** shall be so made as to faithfully represent the ancient Jewish High Priest's dress; that is to say, white above the waist and blue below the waist, except the extreme bottom which shall be white for the distance of eight to ten inches, with flounce or trimming of white lace; around the lower edge of the blue fabric in the skirt, alternately and equi-distant shall be twelve gilt or gold bells, and twelve knot or woven pomegranates, three each of the colors blue, purple, scarlet and white; an ephod representing gold cloth, trimmed around the edges with blue with gilt lace thereon, to put on over the head and coming about twelve

inches below the waist both front and back; around the waist over the ephod in front and underneath it behind, to be worn a girdle, about four inches wide, displaying the colors blue, purple, scarlet and white, woven or embroidered; sleeves of white with blue bands at the wrists. A turban or mitre of white with a band of gilt wire lace fifteen lignes wide, embroidered on which in red silk shall be the Hebrew characters that were emblazoned on the front piece of the mitre of the ancient High Priest of Israel. Suspended from the neck by a gilt chain shall be a gold-plated breast plate set with the twelve stones.

(b) **The Members' Robes** shall be of gray or ashen colored material, made plain to button in front and fasten about the waist with a gray worsted cord with tassel. A Jewish turban of roll or twist pattern, of same material as robes, without ornamentation.

For the Persian Audience Chamber there shall be seven robes for the officers of the Court, and not less than three costumes for Persian guards (at least seven guards' costumes should be used, if possible).

(a) **For Sovereign Master**, an under robe of red trimmed with bright colors in embroidery or applique (green, purple, yellow), Persian patterns only; conspicuously displayed a blazing sun. A mantle of purple, either in solid color or brocade, trimmed with embroidered or brocaded bands of bright Persian colors. A turban or head dress (no metal crown) of the colors and materials used in robe.

(b) **For Prince Chancellor**, an under robe of yellow, embroidered or trimmed in green and red in Persian designs, displaying the blazing sun; a mantle of green and red ornamented in bright colors. A head-dress or turban of same materials as in robe.

(c) **For Prince Master of the Palace**, an under robe of green, ornamented in red and yellow; a mantle of red, trimmed in

bright colors and displaying the blazing sun. A turban or head-dress of corresponding colors.

(d) **For Master of Finance**, a robe of green, trimmed in yellow and red, Persian designs and effects, showing blazing sun; a short mantle of yellow trimmed in green. A turban or head-dress to correspond.

(e) **For Master of Dispatches**, same general style as for Master of Finance, *except* robe of red trimmed in yellow and green, mantle of green. Head dress or turban to correspond.

(f) **For Master of Calvary**, a tunic of red, reaching just below the knees, showing blazing sun on the breast, and trimmed in yellow and green. Leggings of gilt cloth; mantle of green trimmed with red. Turban or head dress to correspond.

(g) **For Warden**, a robe of orange trimmed in green and red; mantle of green and red. Head dress or turban to correspond.

(h) **For Persian Guards**, a tunic of green trimmed in yellow reaching just below the knees, and having short sleeves, armlets; hose and strap sandals, spears, shields, and round Persian pot helmet. Blazing sun on breast of tunic and on shields.

One costume should differ slightly from the rest in more elaborate ornamentation, with addition of short shoulder mantle, and should be worn by person having command of the Guards.

It is recommended that all robes be made to open behind.

CANDIDATE'S COSTUME.

(38) There should be used in the work of the several orders, the following equipment for the candidate:

Garb of Slavery; Royal Mantle; Pilgrim's Garb; Pilgrim Warrior's Costume; Pilgrim Penitent's Costume.

(a) **Garb of Slavery.** Of coarse material, light brown or gray in color; plain in make.

(b) **Royal Mantle.** A mantle of royal purple, lined with red; made on a yoke, without sleeves; to reach to within ten inches of the floor; trimmed, if desired, on face all around, with gilt or yellow embroidery.

(c) **Pilgrim's Garb.** Of black material; made on yoke with plain cape reaching nearly to waist; sash or girdle, of same material as rope or worsted cord with tassels; low crown, broad brim, black hat, turned up in front and held by gray shell; scrip of light brown or straw-colored material with straps of same by which to suspend from shoulder; canteen covered with material like scrip, and with strap of same by which to suspend from shoulder. Strap sandals, and rough wooden staff complete the costume.

(d) **Pilgrim Warrior's Costume.** Of white, trimmed in black, and with black cloak, made long enough to avoid use of leggins; but little ornamentation and of appropriate character. Round helmet of ancient Templar pattern without curtain.

(e) **Pilgrim Penitent's Costume.** Of white material, made plain, on a yoke, to fasten in front with a sash or girdle at waist, and with red Passion Cross in center of back.

GUARDS AND HERMITS.

(39) Jewish guards shall wear no portion of the Templar uniform; Jewish council robes may be used for this purpose, but authentic costumes of tunic, leggins, and helmet are recommended.

Hermits shall wear a costume of coarse brown material, fastening in front and made with cape and cowl; at the waist a rope girdle. The costume is to be worn with a gray beard (not white) and with the cowl pulled down over the head.

Sec. 479. Amendment of Statutes, Mode.—So much of these Statutes and Regulations as are not dependent on the laws of the Grand Encampment may be altered or amended at any Conclave of this Grand Commandery, in the following manner, to-wit: The proposed amendment shall be reduced to writing and referred to one of the standing committees, when, on the report of said committee, the proposed amendment may be adopted as reported by the committee or as modified by the Grand Commandery, by the consent of a two-thirds vote of the members present.

Sec. 480. Decision of Grand Master. *Provided, however,* that any decision of the Grand Master, or action of the Grand Encampment of the United States, contravening, taking from, or adding to any paragraph, section, or article of these Statutes and Regulations shall be binding on this Grand Commandery; and due notice of such alterations, amendments, or decisions shall be furnished to each subordinate Commandery by the Grand Commander.

Sec. 481. All laws heretofore enacted, adopted or approved are hereby repealed.

ACT OF INCORPORATION

[1 Priv. Laws 1867, p. 963]

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS
TEMPLAR AND APPENDANT ORDERS OF THE
STATE OF ILLINOIS.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly,* That the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain-General, Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois, together with the Past Commanders, Commanders, Generalissimos, and Captains-General of the several chartered commanderies subordinate to said Grand Commandery, while holding said offices, shall be, and the same are hereby declared to be, a body politic and corporate, by the name, style, and description of "The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois."

SEC. 2. The said corporation, by the name and style aforesaid, shall have full power to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, prosecute and defend in all manner of actions at law or in equity, in all places where legal or equitable proceedings are had. The said corporation shall have power to make such constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations for its own government and the management of its concerns and government of its subordinates, as shall be deemed advisable, and to alter and amend the same at pleasure: *Provided*, That such constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations shall not conflict with the constitution and laws of this state and of the United States.

SEC. 3. The said corporation, by the name and style aforesaid, shall be capable in law of purchasing, holding, and conveying real and personal estate for the benefit of said corpora-

tion: *Provided*, That said corporation shall not at any one time hold personal or mixed property to an amount exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, nor real estate to an amount exceeding two thousand acres of land.

SEC. 4. That said corporation shall have power to loan money belonging to the same, and take promissory notes or other evidences of debt for money so loaned or any property sold, which may be recovered in their corporate name aforesaid, in all courts and places where judicial proceedings are had.

SEC. 5. The said corporation is also authorized to borrow money in sums not exceeding one thousand dollars at any one time, and at a rate of interest not exceeding ten per cent per annum.

SEC. 6. In the management of its business concerns, said corporation is hereby authorized to appoint such agents, officers, and attorneys for that purpose, as from time to time it may be deemed proper.

SEC. 7. Each subordinate commandery under the jurisdiction of the aforesaid Grand Commandery, now in existence, or which may hereafter be chartered by the same, is hereby also declared to be a body politic and corporate, by and under the name, style and number set forth in their respective charters, and by such designation they may respectively sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, prosecute and defend against all suits arising in law or chancery, in all the courts of this state. The said subordinate commanderies respectively, shall be capable in law of purchasing, holding, or receiving by purchase, gift, or otherwise, and of selling and conveying real and personal estate for the benefit of said subordinate commanderies, respectively.

SEC. 8. So far as applicable, the provisions of sections four (4), five (5) and six (6) of this act shall be applicable to each of said subordinate commanderies.

SEC. 9. In case any subordinate commandery shall cease to exist, all its properties, records, and franchises shall vest in the Grand Commandery aforesaid.

SEC. 10. This act shall be held and deemed a public act and shall be liberally construed by all courts for the benefits of said corporation.

SEC. 11. This act to be in force from and after its passage.

WILLIAM BROSS,
President of the Senate.

FRANKLIN CORWIN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Approved March 7, 1867.

RICHARD J. OGLESBY, *Governor.*

Attest: SHARON TINSDALE, *Secretary of State.*

FORMS OF GRAND COMMANDERY

That the following forms used by Subordinate Commanderies shall to insure uniformity and correctness be ordered from the Grand Recorder.—*Resolution adopted 1896.*

PETITION FOR THE ORDERS.

To the Commander, Generalissimo, Captain-General and Sir Knights of.....Commandery No., Knights Templar:

The undersigned represents that he received the degree of Master Mason in.....Lodge No., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of....., and the degree of Royal Arch Mason in.....Chapter No., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of....., and that he is at the present time a member of.....Lodge No., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of....., andChapter No., under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of.....; that he is a firm believer in the Christian religion, and that he has.....been rejected (by.....Commandery of....., on the day of, 19....); that he is desirous of receiving the Orders of Knighthood conferred in your Commandery, and if found worthy, promises to conform to the ancient usages and customs of the Order.

He was born on the.....day of....., A. D....., in the State of..... His place of residence is..... His occupation is that of..... That he has read this petition and that he has personally signed his full name thereto.

Dated.....

(Sign your name in full.)

We vouch for the good character and Masonic standing of the petitioner and recommend his admission,

.....

FILING FOR PETITION FOR ORDERS.

Petition for the Orders in Commandery No.....
 K. T. Comp..... Petition Rec'd.....
 Report Due
 Referred to {
 Sir Knights {
 Balloted onAnd Applicant.....
 R. C.....K. T.

PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

To the Eminent Commander, Generalissimo, Captain-General, and
 Sir Knights of Commandery No. K.T., Sta-
 tioned at, Ill.

The petition of the undersigned respectfully represents:

That he is a Companion of the Illustrious Order of the Red
 Cross; a Knight of the Valiant and Magnanimous Order of Knights
 Templar, and one of the Knights of Malta or Order of St. John of
 Jerusalem, late a member of Commandery No. sta-
 tioned at as will appear by the accompanying certificate.

The undersigned represents that he received the degree of
 Master Mason in Lodge No., located at.....
 and the degree of Royal Arch Mason in.....
 Chapter No., located at

He therefore prays that he may be admitted to membership in
 your commandery, if, on inquiry, he should be found worthy.

I was born on the.....day of..... A. D. in the
 of Occupation..... Residence.....

I am at present a member of.....
 Lodge No., at and of
 Chapter No., at

Sign your name in full.

Recommended by Sir Knights:

FILING FOR PETITION FOR MEMBERSHIP.

Petition for membership in..... Commandery No.

K.T. Sir Knight Petition received.....

Report due.....

Committee:

Sir Knights:

.....

Balloted on and

DIMIT.

"In Hoc Signo Vincas."

To all Sir Knights of the Valiant and Magnanimous Order of
 Knights Templar, to whom these Presents may Come—Greet-
 ing:

This is to certify

That Sir Knight whose name appears
 in the margin of this Dimit, is a Knight Templar, and was a
 member in good standing of Commandery
 No., stationed at and free from
 all charges on the books, and has regularly dimitted from
 said Commandery, and we do courteously commend him to
 the fraternal regard of all Valiant and Magnanimous Sir
 Knights wherever dispersed.

Ne Varietur

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set
 our hands and caused the seal of our
 Commandery to be affixed, this.....
 day of in the year of Our
 Lord, 1....., and of our Order.....

Seal.

Attest:

.....Recorder.E. C.

SECOND OR FINAL NOTICE TO PAY DUES.

Asylum of Commandery No.
 Knights Templar, Illinois 19...
 Sir Knight.....

Having neglected to respond to a former notice addressed to your last known residence, requesting payment of commandery dues amounting to \$...... this is to notify you to appear at said commandery at its stated conclave to be held.....19... and show cause why you should not be suspended for non-payment of said dues, pursuant to the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery, governing such cases.

(Seal.)

.....
 Recorder.

FORM OF CERTIFICATE FOR PROXY.

To the Grand Commandery of the State of Illinois:

This is to certify, That in consideration of the confidence I repose in the courtesy and magnanimity of our valiant Sir Knight I have nominated and appointed, and by these presents do nominate and appoint the said Sir Knight..... to be my proxy in the Grand Commandery of the State of Illinois, and then and there to represent me, and to do every act and thing agreeably to the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery as fully and completely as I could do were I personally present.

Witness my hand and seal this.....day of.....A. D. 19...., and of the Order 7....

(L. S.)

.....E. Commander,
 (or) Generalissimo,
 (or) Captain-General.

FORM OF A PETITION FOR DISPENSATION.

To R.E. Sir, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State of Illinois:

The undersigned Knights Templar in good standing, having the prosperity of Freemasonry and Order of Knights Templar at heart, and that fuller opportunity for the same may be afforded us,

are desirous of forming a commandery atto be named
.....Commandery.

We, therefore, with the approbation and recommendation of
..... (the requisite commanderies, naming them) respectfully and courteously pray for a dispensation empowering us to meet as a regular commandery at.....in the county of..... on the.....in every month, there to discharge the duties of Knights Templar in a constitutional manner, agreeably to the original forms of the Order and the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery and of the Grand Encampment of the United States.

We do nominate and recommend Sir.....to be the first commander, Sir.....to be the first generalissimo, Sir.....to be the first captain-general of said commandery.

The prayer of this petition being granted, the undersigned promise a strict obedience to the commands of the R.E. Grand Commander and the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery.

(Signatures.)

ADVISORY BY-LAWS
FOR
SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES

ADOPTED 1911

ARTICLE I. OF THE COMMANDERY.

Section 1. Name of the Commandery.—This Commandery shall be known and styled as ———— Commandery No. ———, Knights Templar, stationed at ————, Ill.

Sec. 2. Of Whom Consist.—This Commandery shall consist of an Eminent Commander, Generalissimo, Captain-General, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Prelate, Treasurer, Recorder, Standard Bearer, Sword Bearer, Warder, Sentinel, and as many members as may be found convenient for work and discipline.

ARTICLE II. OF CONCLAVES.

Section 1. Annual Conclave, When Held.—The Annual Conclave of this Commandery shall be held on the first stated Conclave in June of each year.

Sec. 2. Stated Conclave, When Held.—The Stated Conclaves of this commandery shall be held on the ———— and ———— of each month at — p. m., for the transaction of business.

Sec. 3. Order of Business.—The order of business at stated conclaves shall be as follows:

1. Reading of records.
2. Receiving and referring petitions.

3. Reports of committees on petitions.
4. Balloting.
5. Unfinished business.
6. New business.
7. Work.
8. Reading of minutes.

Sec. 4. Special Conclaves, When Held.—Special Conclaves may be held at such times as the Eminent Commander shall designate.

ARTICLE III. OF OFFICERS.

Section 1. Who Elected by Ballot.—The first eight officers named in Sec. 2, of Art. I, and the five trustees named in this article, shall be elected by ballot at the annual conclaves.

Sec. 2. Who Appointed.—Prior to his installation the Eminent Commander shall appoint the remaining four officers.

Sec. 3. When Installed.—The above Officers shall be installed as soon after election as practicable, but within one month succeeding such election.

Sec. 4. Duties of Officers.—The duties of the Officers shall be such as the traditions, statutes, and regulations of the Order have established.

Sec. 5. Treasurer and Recorder.—The Treasurer and Recorder shall make and place their annual reports in the hands of the board of trustees at least one week prior to the annual conclave.

Sec. 6. Board of Trustees.—There shall be elected by ballot at the annual conclave a board of five trustees, members of this commandery.

Sec. 7. Duty of Trustees.—The Board of Trustees shall examine and report upon the annual reports of the treasurer and recorder at the annual conclave, and all bills and claims against the commandery shall be audited by this board, and by them be presented to the commandery, and at such times as the

Eminent Commandery may direct; and at the close of their term of office, making such financial recommendations to the commandery as in their judgment is for the interest of the body. This board shall also have general supervision of the finances of the commandery, making such reports thereon as the exigencies of the case may require, or, as directed by the commandery.

ARTICLE IV. OF FEES, DUES AND MEMBERSHIP.

Section 1. Fee for Conferring the Orders.—The fee for conferring the Orders shall be _____ dollars; _____ dollars for the Order of the Red Cross, and _____ dollars for the Order of the Temple, which shall in all cases be paid before the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross is conferred.

Sec. 2. Applicant Not Presenting Himself.—Any applicant having been elected to receive the Orders of Knighthood, and failing to present himself for said Orders for the space of six months, shall forfeit said election and can only be received by a new petition.*

Sec. 3. Fee for Membership.—The fee for membership shall be _____ dollars, which shall accompany the petition, and should the applicant be rejected, it shall be returned to him.

Sec. 4. Member-Elect Sign By-Laws.—Any Sir Knight having been elected to membership, who shall not appear in the Asylum and sign these By-Laws within twelve months, forfeits said election, together with the fee accompanying his application.

Sec. 5. Annual Dues, When Payable.—Every member of this commandery, except life and honorary members, shall pay to the recorder annually the sum of _____ dollars, payable on or before the annual conclave.

Sec. 6. How Become Life Member.—Any member of this commandery not indebted for dues or otherwise, may, upon

*Stats. Gd. Enc., Title XXXIX, sec. 1.

application at any stated conclave, and by vote of the members present, become a life member, by paying into the treasury thereof the sum of (not less than fifty dollars) _____ dollars, thereby retaining all the rights and privileges of active membership: *Provided*, however, that he shall remain, as heretofore, subject to all the Statutes and Regulations of the Order, and in case of expulsion, shall forfeit the sum so paid for, and all the privileges of said life membership.

Sec. 7. Life Membership Fund.—The funds arising from life membership shall constitute a "Life Membership Fund," to be kept intact under the charge of the Board of Trustees, and securely invested by them, and only the interest thereof may be used from time to time.

Sec. 8. Honorary Membership.—This Commandery may elect Sir Knights of other Templar bodies to honorary membership. Such election, however, does not confer the right to vote, nor any rank or standing therein, but is merely complimentary.

ARTICLE V. OF PETITIONS.

Section 1. When Received and Balloted Upon.—Every petition for the Orders or for Membership shall be recommended by two members of this Commandery. Such petition must be presented at a stated conclave, when it shall be referred to a committee of three, who may report at the next stated conclave, the character of which report, whether favorable or unfavorable, shall not be of record; but no ballot can be had until the expiration of two weeks from the date of presentation, and then only at a stated conclave.

Sec. 2. Having Been Rejected, When Renewed.—The petition of one who has been rejected, cannot be renewed until at least six months after such rejection.

Sec. 3. Objection Made, After Elected.—Objections to a petitioner who has been elected to receive the Orders of Knighthood, made before receiving the Order of the Red

Cross, shall have the same force as a rejection of his application.

ARTICLE VI. OF DIMITS.

Section 1. When Granted.—A dimit shall be granted to any member (excepting the first three officers) without a vote of the commandery, upon a request made in open commandery at a stated conclave; *Provided*, his dues shall have been paid, and no charges are pending against him.

ARTICLE VII. OF EQUIPMENTS.

Section 1. The Uniform.—The Uniform of this Commandery is that prescribed by the Grand Commandery of the State, and every Sir Knight shall equip himself before receiving the Order of the Temple.

Equipment Inspected.—Every Sir Knight shall submit his equipments to the Captain-General for his inspection whose duty it shall be to see that they conform to the required regulations.

ARTICLE VIII. OF DISCIPLINE.

Section 1. When in Arrears for Dues.—The formalities of written charges may be dispensed with, and proceedings as described herewith shall be deemed due notice and fair trial for the offense of non-payment of dues.

Mode of Procedure.—Any Sir Knight who may be in arrears to a commandery, according to the provisions of its by-laws, shall be notified thereof, in writing, by the recorder, with a request for the payment of the same, at or before some subsequent conclave of the commandery; and if said Sir Knight neglect or refuse to make answer to such notice, at or before the time designated therein, he shall be notified, in person if possible, to appear at such subsequent stated conclave as may be deemed proper, and show cause why he should not be suspended for non-payment of dues. If his whereabouts be unknown, a written notice shall be addressed to him at his last known place of residence. This shall be deemed *due notice*,

and the commandery may proceed without his presence. When any Sir Knight shall refuse or neglect to answer the notices prescribed above, his delinquency may be communicated to the commandery at any stated conclave thereof, which facts, together with the commandery records showing his indebtedness, shall be deemed ample proof of the delinquency. If the Sir Knight be present, he shall be entitled to such pleas as he may deem proper, after which he shall retire, and upon such evidence a vote may be taken upon a motion to suspend the delinquent member indefinitely. A vote of a majority of the members present at a stated conclave shall be necessary to fix such penalty. This shall be deemed fair trial.

No Dues While Suspended.—No dues shall accrue against a Sir Knight during the term of his suspension, either from lodge, chapter, or commandery.

Sec. 2. Charges Preferred, to be in Writing.—When charges are preferred against a member, they shall be in writing, and such action had thereon as the Statutes, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Encampment and Grand Commandery direct.

Sec. 3. Notice Given of Expulsion or Suspension.—If a member be expelled or suspended from this commandery, notice shall be given thereof to the Grand Commandery, and such other Templar bodies as the nature of the case may require.

ARTICLE IX. OF AMENDMENTS.

Section 1. How Accomplished.—No amendment can be made to the subject matter of these by-laws, but only to those portions left blank.

Sec. 2. When to be Approved.—Amendments as above stated must be offered at a stated conclave, and no action can be had thereon until the succeeding stated conclave; and every amendment will require the consent of a majority of the members present for its adoption, and shall not become effective until approved by the Grand Commander or Grand Commandery.

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